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Revised Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Pettersen; Donovan Bill Status: House Health & Insurance
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Bill Topic: HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN CASES OF RAPE OR INCEST

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill eliminates certain restrictions on facilities and providers that can be reimbursed for abortions under Colorado's Medicaid and Indigent Care programs. This will minimally increase state workload in FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Summary of Legislation

Colorado's Medicaid and Indigent Care programs provides coverage for abortions only in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered. In these instances, current law restricts abortion procedures to certain facility types and they can only be performed by a physician. The bill eliminates these facility- and provider-type restrictions, allowing reimbursement for these services when performed in any health facility and by any licensed health care provider acting within the scope of their license and in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

State Expenditures

The fiscal note assumes some abortions may be performed at different facilities and by providers other than physicians, but the amount of abortions performed will be unchanged. As such, no increase in medical services expenditures is anticipated. Workload for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will increase in FY 2021-22 to modify the claims system and update documentation for providers, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Health and Environment