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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Sonnenberg **Bill Status:** Senate SVMA
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Bill Topic: **HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY FEE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill allows hospitals to include a state fee as a separate line item in patient billing statements. It is not expected to impact state or local revenue or expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Current law prohibits hospitals from including the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee as a separate line item in its billing statements. The bill removes this restriction and allows hospitals to show the total amount of the fee as a separate line item on patient billing statements.

Background

The Hospital Provider Fee was created under House Bill 09-1293 and renamed the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee under Senate Bill 17-267. The fee, which may not exceed 6 percent of net patient revenues, is assessed on hospital providers by the Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise, then matched with federal dollars. More information can be found at: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/healthcare-affordability-and-sustainability-fee>.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill allows but does not require hospitals to include a line item on patient billing statements. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

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