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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **STANDARDIZED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill changes rate filling and disclosure requirements under the Colorado Standardized Health Benefit Plan Act. The bill minimally impacts state workload and the state's health benefit exchange on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill changes rate filling and disclosure requirements regarding the Colorado Standardized Health Benefit Plan, also known as the Colorado Option plan. These changes include:

- requiring Connect for Health Colorado, with the consent of the Commissioner of Insurance, to develop a format to display Colorado Option plans on the health insurance exchange and for consumers to easily compare plans;
- allowing the commissioner to establish limits on a carrier's administrative costs and profits for Colorado Option plans;
- giving the commissioner 120 days to review rate fillings for Colorado Option plans instead of the current 60 days;
- requiring the commissioner to promulgate rules on the public hearing process; and
- making technical changes to the public hearing and rate denial process.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally impacts workload in the Division of Insurance (DOI) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies in several ways. The bill gives DOI additional time to review Colorado Option plans, and clarifies the authority of the commissioner in reviewing these plans, including administrative costs and profits, within the expanded time period. The DOI will also work with Connect for Health Colorado on how Colorado Option plans are shown on the health insurance exchange, which is work that is currently expected to occur. Overall, any change in workload will be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Statutory Public Entity

Connect for Health Colorado will be required develop a format to display Colorado Option plans on the health insurance exchange and to consult with the DOI on how these plans are presented to consumers. This will require additional staff time, IT and website development, and collaboration with the DOI and other stakeholders. It is assumed that costs will be paid using current revenue streams available to Connect for Health Colorado from fees charged on insurance plans sold through the exchange and other sources.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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