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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill increases health professionals' access to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database by:

- allowing a practitioner with prescribing authority to query the PDMP about a current patient, regardless of whether the practitioner is currently prescribing or considering prescribing any controlled substance;
- allowing a veterinarian with prescribing authority to query the PDMP about a current client or patient if the veterinarian has a reasonable basis to suspect the client has committed drug abuse or has mistreated an animal; and
- allowing a pharmacist to query the PDMP about a current patient for whom the pharmacist is dispensing any prescription drug, rather than only patients receiving controlled substances.

Background

The PDMP uses a secure online database to store information about controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients in Colorado. Data in the PDMP database include the name of the practitioner and patient, date the prescription was dispensed, drug name and dosage, the quantity supplied, the number of refills, method of payment, and the name of the dispensing pharmacy. The direct and indirect costs of the PDMP are funded with a surcharge set by the Department of Regulatory Agencies, and limited by statute to \$25 on practitioner licenses. Every practitioner in Colorado who holds a current registration issued by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and every pharmacist is required to be registered and maintain an account with the PDMP. The database is operated by a vendor with oversight by the State Board of Pharmacy within the Division of Professions and Occupations.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies by a minimal amount to update rules and perform outreach with affected health professionals. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations. No modifications to the PDMP database are required to implement these changes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. It applies to queries to the PDMP occurring on or after the effective date of the bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing
Judicial
Regulatory Agencies

Information Technology
Law