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Bill Topic: EXPAND MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM

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

This bill extends the Medication-Assisted Treatment Pilot Program for an additional two years, increases program funding, changes the program's administrator, modifies the membership of the advisory board, and expands the list of eligible participants. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$2,500,000 to the Department of Higher Education.

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

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-001

Table with 4 columns: Category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Marijuana Tax Cash Fund), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill extends the Medication-assisted Treatment Pilot Program administered within the University of Colorado for two years and increases its appropriation from \$500,000 to \$2,500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, with any uncommitted money reverting to the fund at the end of FY 2020-21. Counties in the San Luis Valley — Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Custer, Huerfano, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache — and up to an additional two counties where a need is demonstrated are eligible to participate in the program, in addition to Pueblo and Routt counties where the program currently operates. The administration of the program is shifted from the College of Nursing to the Center for Research into Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Strategies at the University of Colorado. Finally, the bill modifies the program's advisory board and extends its reporting requirements through June 30, 2021.

## **Background**

**Senate Bill 17-074.** Senate Bill 17-074 created this program in the College of Nursing in the University of Colorado to make grants for organizations providing medication-assisted treatment to persons with opioid use disorders in Pueblo and Routt counties and funded the program with \$500,000 per year in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund. An advisory board oversees the pilot program and consists of representatives of the College of Nursing, the State Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force, the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, the Colorado Nurses Association, the Colorado Academy of Physician Assistants, the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Colorado, and at least one medical or public health professional from each eligible county.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill increases state expenditures from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund by \$2.5 million per year in FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 only for the University of Colorado. It may also impact expenditures for the state's Medicaid program over the same period, as discussed below.

**Center for Research into Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Strategies — University of Colorado.** Costs will increase by \$2.5 million per year to administer the program. This amount includes an estimated \$500,000 per year for personnel, training, evaluation, and travel costs, and \$2.0 million for grants and community project support. The amount and number of grants distributed will be based on the number of eligible applications.

**Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF).** To the extent this bill results in additional persons applying for or using Medicaid benefits to treat opioid use disorders, costs will increase; however, a corresponding decrease in emergency services and drug-abuse treatments may occur. This analysis assumes that any adjustment to HCPF appropriations resulting from this bill will be addressed through the annual budget process.

## **Local Government**

To the extent that additional local government agencies apply for and receive grant funding, revenue and expenditures will increase in those agencies. These amounts have not been estimated.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 14, 2019.

**State Appropriations**

The bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$2,500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to the Department of Higher Education for use by the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
Higher Education  
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