



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-007: MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE IN HEALTH FACILITIES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill allows terminally ill patients with a medical marijuana prescription to use certain products in health facilities.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas in FY 2026-27 only:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

Appropriations. No appropriation is required

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows health facilities to permit terminally ill patients who are registered with the state medical marijuana program to use their medical marijuana while admitted to or residing in the facility. Medical marijuana use under these conditions is restricted to products that do not involve smoking or vaping and that comply with the prescribing doctor's recommended use.

Participating health facilities must record and document the patient's medical marijuana registry card, develop written guidelines, and determine a manner of storage that ensures the safety of other patients and facility operations. Facilities and their employees are not liable for conduct performed in compliance with the requirements of the bill.

The Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) may not require a facility to comply if compliance would result in a violation of state or federal law or accreditation requirements, or loss of federal funding for either the state or the facility. Further, a facility may suspend compliance if required by federal law.

State Expenditures

In FY 2026-27, workload in the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division in CDPHE will minimally increase to conduct outreach and education to licensed health care facilities regarding medical marijuana use. The department may also require legal services, provided by the Department of Law, related to rulemaking and implementation. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government and Statutory Public Entity

In FY 2026-27, workload may increase for local government-operated health facilities and health facilities operated by the Denver Health and Hospital Authority and the University of Colorado Hospital Authority to determine whether to participate, and if so, to develop policies and procedures.

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

Law
Public Health and Environment

Regulatory Agencies
Revenue