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HB 20-1411

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Michaelson Jenet; Kraft-Tharp Sen. Pettersen	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: COVID-19 FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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 type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allocates CARES Act funding to behavioral health programs in the Departments of Human Services, Public Health and Environment, Higher Education, and Law. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: The bill includes appropriations totaling \$15.2 million to multiple state departments in the current FY 2019-20.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1411**

		FY 2019-20* (current year)	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-	-
Expenditures	General Fund*	\$15.2 million	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-	-

* Funding is from the CARE subfund of the General Fund. FY 2019-20 appropriations may be spent through the end of calendar year 2020.

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes FY 2019-20 appropriations to fund behavioral and mental health programs, as detailed below. Money appropriated that is not expended prior to July 1, 2020, is further appropriated to the relevant department for use between July 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020, for the same purposes.

Office of Behavioral Health, Department of Human Services

- \$3,530,000 directed to the managed service organizations (MSO) for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery providers for unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19;
- \$3,250,000 for community mental health centers for unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19;
- \$500,000 directed to the MSOs for SUD screening, brief intervention services, referral to treatment, training, and supports;
- \$2,000,000 for services provided to school-aged children and parents by community mental health center school-based clinicians and prevention specialists; and
- \$3,800,000 for co-responder programs, Colorado crisis system services, housing assistance, and treatment for rural communities.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

- \$250,000 for allocation to Mental Health First Aid for in-person and virtual trainings; and
- \$1,150,000 for the opiate antagonist bulk purchase fund and school-based health centers.

University of Colorado, Department of Higher Education

- \$600,000 for allocation to the Center for Research into Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Strategies (the center) for education for health care professionals, grant writing assistance, and personal protective equipment (PPE) and telehealth supplies for the medication-assisted treatment expansion pilot program.

Department of Law

- \$120,000 for the Safe2Tell program.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by \$15.2 million between the effective date and end of calendar year 2020. These expenditures are paid from the CARE subfund of the General Fund. Table 2 summarizes the appropriations in the bill. More detail on each appropriation can be found in the Summary section above.

**Table 2
 Expenditures Under HB 20-1411**

	FY 2019-20
Department of Human Services	
MSOs and SUD Treatment and Recovery Providers–COVID Expenses	\$3,530,000
Community Mental Health Centers–COVID Expenses	\$3,250,000
MSOs–SUD Screening, Brief Intervention, Referrals	\$500,000
Community Mental Health Centers–Services to School-aged Children	\$2,000,000
Behavioral Health Services and Programs	\$3,800,000
DHS (Subtotal)	\$13,080,000
Department of Public Health and Environment	
Mental Health First Aid–Trainings	\$250,000
Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund	\$1,150,000
CDPHE (Subtotal)	\$1,400,000
Department of Higher Education	
The Center–Education, grant writing assistance, and PPE and telehealth supplies	\$600,000
DHE (Subtotal)	\$600,000
Department of Law	
Safe2Tell	\$120,000
Law (Subtotal)	\$120,000
Total Cost	\$15,200,000

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 22, 2020.

State Appropriations

For the current FY 2019-20, the bill includes the following appropriations from the CARE subfund in the General Fund:

- \$13,080,000 to the Department of Human Services;
- \$1,400,000 to the Department of Public Health and Environment;
- \$600,000 to the Department of Higher Education for use by the Regents of the University of Colorado; and
- \$120,000 to the Department of Law.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education
Law

Human Services
Public Health and Environment