

# **FINAL FISCAL NOTE**

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

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#### PROVIDER DISCLOSE DISCIPLINE CONVICT SEX OFFENSE **Bill Topic:**

Summary of **Fiscal Impact:**  □ State Revenue State Expenditure □ State Transfer

□ Local Government

□ TABOR Refund

□ Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires providers to disclose to patients any final conviction, plea, or disciplinary action related to a sexual offense. This bill will increase state workload

on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** 

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires providers subject to the Medical Transparency Act of 2010 to disclose the following to patients that they have a direct treatment relationship with:

- final conviction or acceptance of a guilty plea by the court for a sex offense; and
- final disciplinary action due to a conviction or acceptance of a guilty plea by the court of a sex offense or a finding of unprofessional conduct related to sexual misconduct.

Beginning on March 1, 2021, a provider must disclose to patients the information above in writing and obtain the patients agreement and acknowledgment before treating the patient. The requirements do not apply when a patient is unconscious, the visit occurs in an emergency room, or the provider is not known to the patient prior to the start of the visit. Failure to comply with the requirements constitutes unprofessional conduct. If a provider was placed on probation as part of a conviction or acceptance of a guilty plea by the court, or was on probationary status due to a final disciplinary action, the requirement to disclose ends when then the provider has satisfied the requirements of the probation or other limitation.

#### **State Expenditures**

Starting in FY 2020-21, this bill will increase workload in the professional boards in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to hear and take more disciplinary action, and to conduct outreach and rulemaking. The fiscal note assumes that providers will comply with the law and that the workload increase will be minimal. No change in appropriations is required.

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### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 29, 2020, and takes effect on September 14, 2020, assuming no referendum petition is filed. The requirements of the bill apply to any convictions and final agency actions entered, issued, or taken on or after the effective date.

#### State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections Information Technology Regulatory Agencies Higher Education Judicial

Human Services Personnel