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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Sonnenberg Rep. McKean	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic:	HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY FEE
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact. The bill would have allowed hospitals to include a state fee as a separate line item in patient billing statements. It was not expected to impact state or local revenue or expenditures.
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Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation was required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.
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Summary of Legislation

Current law prohibits hospitals from including the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee as a separate line item in its billing statements. The bill removes this restriction and allows hospitals to show the total amount of the fee as a separate line item on patient billing statements.

Background

The Hospital Provider Fee was created under House Bill 09-1293 and renamed the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee under Senate Bill 17-267. The fee, which may not exceed 6 percent of net patient revenues, is assessed on hospital providers by the Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise, then matched with federal dollars. More information can be found at: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/healthcare-affordability-and-sustainability-fee>.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill allows but does not require hospitals to include a line item on patient billing statements. It is expected to have no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 1, 2022.

State and Local Government Contacts

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