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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Bridges; Kirkmeyer Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic: MEDICAID PHARMACY & OUTPATIENT SERVICES COPAYMENT

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

Budget package bill. The bill removes the requirement that Medicaid recipients pay a copayment for pharmacy and outpatient services. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$7,345,507 paid to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2023-24 budget package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-222

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, and Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Cash Funds, Federal Funds, Total Expenditures), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

## **Summary of Legislation**

Medicaid patients are currently required to pay a copayment for pharmacy and outpatient services. The bill removes this requirement.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing by \$7,345,507 in FY 2023-24 and ongoing, paid from the General Fund, the Health Care Affordability and Sustainability Cash Fund, and federal funds. The department will remove the copayment on the affected services and increase the corresponding rates to account for the decrease in provider payments.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$7,345,507 to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing from the following sources:

- \$1,439,499 from the General Fund;
- \$446,651 from the Health Care Affordability and Sustainability Cash Fund; and
- \$5,459,357 from federal funds.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing

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