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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Mullica; Winter F. Rep. Lindsay; Willford	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED VACCINES**

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 prohibits practitioners from requiring individuals to pay or provide information in order to receive a publicly-funded vaccine. The bill minimally increases state workload beginning in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill prohibits practitioners from requiring individuals to pay or provide identification and health insurance information to receive a publicly funded vaccine. If this information is requested from the individual, the practitioner must disclose, through notices provided by the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), that the vaccine will be provided regardless of whether the information is provided or not. Practitioners are encouraged to establish an accessible electronic link or telephone number for individuals to use to schedule appointments for publicly funded vaccines.

The bill clarifies that practitioners may charge vaccine administration fees for publicly funded vaccines to either the individual or their health insurance provider, except to individuals who receive their services through Medicaid; however, practitioners must disclose, through notices provided by CDPHE, that the inability to pay these fees does not prevent the individual from receiving the vaccine.

The bill also clarifies that independent pharmacies may charge vaccine administration fees and not provide publicly funded vaccines to individuals who are unable to pay; however, pharmacies must provide those individuals who are unable to pay with a list from CDPHE of practitioners who will provide the publicly funded vaccine regardless of payment ability.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2023-24, workload will minimally increase for the Department of Regulatory Agencies to conduct outreach to vaccine administrators and to address any complaints received. Workload will also increase for the CDPHE to develop and provide notices to practitioners. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 10, 2023.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing
Public Health and Environment

Higher Education
Regulatory Agencies

Human Services