



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1124: UNIVERSAL CONTRACTING PROVISION REQUIREMENTS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill changes the current requirements for contracts used by state agencies contracting for behavioral health services.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures | \$0 | \$0 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.0 FTE | 0.0 FTE |

Summary of Legislation

[House Bill 22-1278](#) required the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to work with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and other state agencies to develop universal contracting provisions to be used by state agencies when contracting for behavioral health services. The bill outlined several requirements for the universal contract.

This bill removes most of those requirements (except the requirements for minimum data collection standards and grievance reporting) and limits the use of the universal contract to behavioral health safety net services. It also adds an additional requirement that individuals have access to necessary care within the behavioral health safety net system. The bill also clarifies that the requirements do not require the expansion of data collection.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for the BHA to update its rules and standards regarding universal behavioral health contracts. At the same time, future workload may minimally decrease in the BHA, HCPF, and other agencies since the bill loosens the requirements placed on them under HB 22-1278. Overall, any impact is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration

Human Services

Health Care Policy and Financing

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).