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Bill 2

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Bill Status: Opioid and Other Substance Use
Disorders Interim Study Committee
Bill Request

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BILL TOPIC: CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR OPIOID PRESCRIBING

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Workload increase See State Expenditures section.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill, ***requested by the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee***, limits to a seven-day supply, the number of opioid pills that a health care provider may prescribe to a patient. At the discretion of the provider, the prescription may include one refill for an additional seven-day supply. The bill includes a number of exceptions to the limitation and allows for a health care provider to electronically prescribe opioids.

With certain exceptions, the bill also requires health care providers or their designees, to query the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) prior to prescribing the first refill prescription for an opioid. When querying the PDMP, each health care provider or designee is required to identify his or her area of health care specialty or practice.

The provisions in the bill are repealed September 1, 2020.

Background

The PDMP uses a secure online database to store information about controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to patients in Colorado. Data in the PDMP database include the name of the practitioner and patient, date the prescription was dispensed, drug name and dosage, the quantity supplied, the number of refills, method of payment, and the name of the dispensing pharmacy. The direct and indirect costs of the PDMP are funded with a surcharge on practitioner licenses set by the Department of Regulatory Agencies and limited by statute to \$25. Every

practitioner in Colorado who holds a current registration issued by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and every pharmacist is required to be registered and maintain an account with the PDMP. The database is operated by a vendor with oversight by the State Board of Pharmacy within the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies by a minimal amount to update rules and perform outreach with affected health professionals. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations. No modifications to the PDMP database are required to implement these changes.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy And Financing
Public Health and Environment

Information Technology
Regulatory Agencies