

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Ginal Sen. Crowder	Bill Status: House Health, Insurance, and Environment
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BILL TOPIC: REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TREATING CHILDREN

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows registered naturopathic doctors to treat children under two years of age if certain conditions are met. The conditions outlined in the bill are the same as those under current law for naturopathic doctors who treat children between the ages of two and eight. Specifically, in order to treat a child under the age of two, the bill requires naturopathic doctors to:

- provide the child's parent with the current recommended immunization schedule for children;
- complete 3 hours per year in education or training in pediatrics in any year that he or she treats children under the age of two;
- require the child's parent to sign an informed consent form prior to providing services; and
- refer a child to a licensed physician at his or her first visit if the child does not have a pediatric health care provider.

The informed consent form must inform the parent about the naturopathic doctor's registration under the Naturopathic Doctor Act, state that he or she is not a licensed physician, recommend that the child maintain a relationship with a licensed physician, and request permission to collaborate with the child's pediatric health care provider.

Background

House Bill 13-1111 created a registration program for naturopathic doctors in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). It also prohibited naturopathic doctors from treating children under the age of two, and placed restrictions on naturopathic doctors on treating children between the ages of two and eight.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in DORA for rulemaking and outreach to naturopathic doctors concerning the changes in the Naturopathic Doctor Act. This workload is assumed to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies Law