

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill contains several provisions that could impact the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). First, the bill would expand health care records confidentiality requirements to licensed pharmacies and modifies prohibitions and penalties relating to the use of confidential health care records. The bill also requires that the appropriate state agencies, as determined by the Department of Administration, prepare a privacy impact statement for bills that would have an impact on personal privacy.

The provision expanding confidentiality requirements for licensed pharmacies and pharmacists would not have a significant impact on the Department. The confidentiality provisions would not apply to the processing of pharmacy claims for MA or other programs operated by the Department.

Because DHFS is responsible for a number of programs that involve confidential health care records, there is the potential that the Department would have to provide a number of privacy impact statements. This would require staff time to prepare, but, assuming that the number of such statements would not be great, the workload could be absorbed with existing resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications