

Fiscal Note

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HF106 - 0 - "Comm Med Response EMT Srv Crit Modified"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Executive Budget Officer's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
General Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
General Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
General Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

This bill makes a small change in scope of covered services for Community Emergency Medical Technicians (CEMTs) under the Medical Assistance (MA) program by allowing post nursing facility discharge visits to include checking and recording vital signs and providing patient reminders.

Assumptions

Legislation passed in 2016 established MA coverage for certain services performed by Community Emergency Medical Technicians (CEMT) in the Medical Assistance (MA) program. Current covered services for people discharged from the hospital include verbal or visual reminders of discharge orders, recording and reporting of vital signs, medication and food access confirmation, and identification of home hazards. CEMTs may also provide home safety evaluations for people discharged from a nursing facility. This legislation aligns the scope of coverage for post nursing home and post hospital discharge visits by clarifying that post nursing facility discharge visits may also include checking and recording vital signs and providing patient reminders.

Under current law CEMT services are reimbursed at \$9.75 per 15 minute increment of service. The fiscal note for the 2016 legislation assumed that the provider billing for safety checks for a nursing facility post discharge visit and the post discharge hospital visits would include two units of service paid at the rate of \$9.75 per unit. The assumption of two units of service was based on the protocol for the CEMT pilot project with North Memorial Hospital which included patient reminders and the taking of vital signs. The current MA forecast already assumes that CEMTs will bill an average of two units of service, and clarifying that CEMTs may take patient vital signs and provide patient reminders will not have a further fiscal impact on the MA program.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

None

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Local Fiscal Impact

None

References/Sources

2016 Fiscal analysis for HF3582-1A

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