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Title Practice of Naturopathy Appropriation Health Care Services
Allocation Medical Assistance Administration
Sponsor McGuire
Requester Senate L&C Committee OMB Component Number 242

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	75.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts	56.2					
1003	GF Match	18.8					
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required,
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required,
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

This is the initial version of the fiscal note for this bill.

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Analysis

This bill would allow naturopaths to prescribe certain drugs to their patients. In order for Medicaid to pay pharmacies for these prescriptions, modifications would need to be made to the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and the pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system.

MMIS and the Provider Enrollment Portal would need to be modified to allow naturopaths to enroll in Medicaid as prescribing providers ; new federal rules require that prescribers must be enrolled with the Medicaid program. The Department estimates the one-time cost of this change to be \$25.0 for FY 13.

The POS would need to be modified to edit claims for naturopath-prescribed drugs to ensure that Medicaid only pays for drugs that are within the naturopath's scope of practice. The Department estimates that there will be a one-time cost of \$50.0.

Modifications to the Medicaid claims processing system are expected to be paid with 75 percent Federal Reciepts and 25 percent General Fund Match.