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Bill Version:

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Title Naturopaths

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services

Appropriation: Health Care Services

Allocation: Medical Assistance Administration

Sponsor Rep. Cathy Munoz

Requestor House L&C Committee

OMB Component Number 242

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	150.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING		150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	75.0						
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	75.0						
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Analysis:

This legislation would require the Medicaid program to cover naturopathy services. The Department does not anticipate increased expenditures of Medicaid services because naturopathy services would largely replace other covered services, and any increase in total covered services would be offset by payment of naturopaths at a lower rate than physicians. However, there would be a one-time cost to make system changes to the MMIS, the Department's Medicaid claims processing system. The Department assumes that it will receive 50 percent federal funding to make changes to its legacy MMIS.