

## FISCAL NOTE

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**HB266**

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Title	Practice of Naturopathy	Appropriation	Health Care Services
		Allocation	Medical Assistance Administration
Sponsor	Munoz		
Requester	House Labor & Commerce Committee	OMB Component Number	242

### Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

<b>POSITIONS</b>							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**CHANGE IN REVENUES**

### **Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)**

*(separate supplemental appropriation required,*

## **Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs** (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

*(separate capital appropriation required,*

#### **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 Receipts and 25 percent General Fund Match.