



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-017: MEASURES TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH

Prime Sponsors:

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law
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Version: Final Fiscal Note
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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill codifies an existing program in the Department of Early Childhood that supports early childhood health.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill codifies the existing HealthySteps program in the Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) as the Pediatric Primary Care Practice Program. The bill does not require CDEC to implement the program beyond its current implementation unless it receives sufficient funding to cover any expansions to the program.

Pediatric Primary Care Practice Program

Beginning August 15, 2025, CDEC must hire a contractor to implement the Pediatric Primary Care Practice Program, which provides funding for pediatric primary care medical practices to integrate whole-child and whole-family health specialists into their practice.

The program contractor must create and implement a model that guides pediatric primary care practices to deliver services to children from birth to three years of age. The contractor must establish an application process and select and support participants in the program according to the established model.

CDEC must report on potential funding sources to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) by January 1, 2026. CDEC may use gift, grants, and donations to help fund the program.

Background

CDEC currently implements the HealthySteps program and funds several clinics in partnership with a statewide nonprofit and Healthy Step specialists. The nonprofit is certified as the Colorado Healthy Steps model intermediary by Zero to Three (the national organization for the program model). The nonprofit provides training and fidelity monitoring across participating clinics in the state.

State Revenue

The bill potentially increases state revenue to Department of Early Childhood for the program from gifts, grants, or donations; however, no sources have been identified at this time. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally affects workload in CDEC, BHA, DORA, and HCPF, as discussed below.

Department of Early Childhood

Workload will minimally increase for the department to implement the program as outlined in the bill, including identifying potential funding sources. As CDEC currently administers the program with an implementation partner following established program models, this workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other Agency Impacts

Workload will minimally increase for the BHA, DORA and HCPF to work with CDEC to find potential funding sources. This workload is expected to be minimal and can be accommodated within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 4, 2025 and took effect on August 6, 2025.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration
Early Childhood
Health Care Policy and Financing

Information Technology
Regulatory Agencies