



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1116: PROCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER

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Fiscal note status: This revised fiscal note reflects the introduced note, as amended by the House Health & Human Services Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill modifies discharge requirements for mental health holds and safety and inspection requirements for certain licensed behavioral health facilities.

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

- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
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

Under current law, after a person has been discharged from a mental health hold, the facility that held them must attempt a follow-up within 48 hours. The bill extends this period to 72 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

Current licensure requirements for behavioral health entities include receiving a certificate of compliance with building regulations from the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety. The bill allows outpatient facilities to receive the certification after an inspection conducted by a fire department with a certified inspector and exempts providers of telehealth services from the requirement.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase in the Behavioral Health Administration to update rules and information concerning discharge deadlines and building safety requirements. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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