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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/18/26 **Bill Number:** HB11 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**
Short Title: AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB11 enacts the Audiology and Speech-language Pathology compact into law, and amends the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act to provide for state and federal criminal background checks.

The Commission would be responsible for overseeing the implementation and operation of the compact. The Commission will work to ensure that the compact is operational and that Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists can practice across state lines with mutual recognition of their licenses.

The Commission shall provide for the development, maintenance and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact for the Health Care Authority (HCA).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

See Performance Implications below.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HB11 would allow Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists to provide services across state lines with a home state license. This could increase access to these types of providers for New Mexicans. Increased access to specialized audiology and speech-language pathology services that are not available in New Mexico could improve health outcomes and may decrease health care costs related to complications. New Mexico currently has a significant shortage of audiologists and speech-language pathologists, which negatively impacts access to care for New Mexico patients. Entering into a compact with other states is one strategy that could help to alleviate the provider shortage.

Providers from compact member states would still be required to enroll as a NM Medicaid provider and follow all applicable NM Medicaid provider requirements to be eligible for reimbursement.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the HCA.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill is similar to prior year bills: House Bill 79 (2025-Reg), Senate Bill 104 (2025-Reg), House Bill 391 (2023-1st) and House Bill 210 (2021-Reg); and it relates to several medical and health care provider compact bills under consideration in the 2026 Legislative Session.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the HCA.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the HCA.

ALTERNATIVES

None suggested.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None.