

LFC Requester:

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/18/26 **Bill Number:** HB12 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**

Short Title: PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE 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: HB12 enacts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact into law, amends the Physical Therapy Act to provide for state and federal criminal background checks, and establishes the Physical Therapy Compact Commission.

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 physical therapists 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 implications for the Health Care Authority (HCA).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

See Performance Implications below.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This compact would allow physical therapists to provide services across state lines with a home state license. This could increase access to physical therapy providers in New Mexico. New Mexico currently faces a significant and worsening shortage of physical therapists, which negatively impacts patient access to care and health outcomes. Entering into a physical therapy compact is one important strategy that could help alleviate the state's shortage of physical therapy providers.

Providers from compact member states would still be required to enroll as NM Medicaid providers 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 relates to a number of other health care and medical compact bills that are 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.