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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: 1/9/26 Bill Number: HB45 Original Amendment Substitute

Short Title: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT

Sponsor: Rep. Armstrong

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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

HB 45 enacts the Physician Assistant Licensure Interstate Compact and the “Physician Assistant Licensure Interstate Compact Commission.” The Commission is responsible for overseeing the implementation and operation of the compact. The Commission will work to ensure that the compact is operational and that physician assistants 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 HCA.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HCA has committed to pursuing a physician assistant compact in our application for the Rural Healthcare Delivery fund, and was awarded \$211.5 M in federal funding in December 2025. If the State of NM does not enact a physician assistant compact during the 2026 legislative session, there is the potential for clawback of funding from CMS.

Physician assistant scopes of work vary greatly among states. HCA suggests clarifying language in the bill to indicate how scope of work will be determined if licensure comes from a state with a narrower scope of work than NM.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This compact may streamline the process for out-of-state provider Medicaid enrollment. It would allow physician assistants to provide service across state lines with a home state license. This could increase access to healthcare across state lines. Providers from compact member states would be required to enroll as a NM Medicaid provider and follow all applicable provider requirements to be reimbursed.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Duplicate (HB10)

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The consequence of not passing this legislation is the potential clawback from CMS of Rural Healthcare Transformation (RHT) funds. The plan to pursue healthcare worker compacts helped NM HCA scoring for the RHT award. New Mexico was awarded \$211.5 million for calendar year 2026. It is unclear what proportion of the award would be recouped from CMS.

AMENDMENTS

No amendments at this time.