

LFC Requester:

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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: 1/21/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB99Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Christine Chandler and Gail Armstrong and Dayan Hochman-Vigil and Sarah Silva

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Short Title: Medical Malpractice Changes
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(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						
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Related to 2025 HB374, HB378, SB449, and others. This amends the Medical Malpractice Act to establish limitations on the claims for and the amount of punitive damages in a malpractice case. Extends the time frame for use of the Patient's Compensation Fund to cover judgments against a hospital or hospital-controlled outpatient health care facility. Redefines "occurrence" in the context of a malpractice claim.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

ALTERNATIVES

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None for The New Mexico Medical Board

AMENDMENTS

None for The New Mexico Medical Board