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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: 1/30/2026 Check all that apply:  
Bill Number: House Bill 244 Original  Correction   
Amendment  Substitute

Sponsor: Reps. Alan T. Martinez, Reena Szczepanski, Michelle Paulene Abeyta, & Joshua N. Hernandez Agency Name and Code Number: Regulation & Licensing Dept. (RLD), 420  
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#### SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

##### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

##### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

##### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis House Bill 244 (HB 244)

HB 244 enacts the Hospital Price Transparency Act (HPTA), requiring hospitals to publicly post clear, standardized pricing information for services and items, in a machine-readable format and a consumer-friendly price list or cost estimator tool. The Health Care Authority (HCA) is responsible for enforcement and may audit hospitals to ensure compliance.

Hospitals that do not post pricing as required are barred from debt collection for those services, and patients may use non-compliance with HPTA as an affirmative defense in collection actions, with remedies including dismissal, refunds, attorney fees, and credit report corrections.

The Unfair Practices Act, §§ 57-12-1 to 27, NMSA 1978 is amended to include any violations of HPTA are also classified as unfair or deceptive trade practices under New Mexico law.

The effective date of HB 244 is May 20, 2026.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No direct fiscal or operational impacts to the Regulation and Licensing Department are anticipated if HB 244 is enacted.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

### **AMENDMENTS**