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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB279Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Christine ChandlerShort Healthcare Info PrivacyTitle: ProtectionsAgency Name
and Code

Number:

770- NMCD

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

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	0			\$25.0	Nonrecurring	General

(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: House Bill 279 amends the Electronic Medical Records Act and other laws to strengthen confidentiality of health care information in an electronic medical record and increase protection of providers of reproductive and gender-affirming health care.

Requires segregation of information related to reproductive and gender-affirming health care and limits access without written authorization. Prohibits disclosure of information in response to any request based on another state's law that interferes with a protected health care activity or with a person's rights under New Mexico law.

Provides for civil penalties for violation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB279 could require information technology system modifications related to the segregation of data associated with reproductive and gender-affirming care. Although the Department's electronic health record system likely supports this functionality, existing reports, data extracts, or system interfaces-such as those connected to the statewide health information exchange-would need to be reviewed and, if necessary, modified. Any required changes would involve up to approximately three months of analysis and development work, with estimated costs of approximately \$25,000, subject to final implementation needs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None

AMENDMENTS

None