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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: 2/04/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB279 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: C. Chandler, L. Trujillo **Agency Name and Code** NMCVRC/78000
Short Title: Healthcare Information Privacy Protections **Number:** _____
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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
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

(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

The bill strengthens privacy protections related to health care services in New Mexico, with a focus on reproductive health care and gender-affirming health care. The bill limits disclosure of certain electronic medical record information restricts location tracking at designated health care provider facilities, amends licensing requirements for certain hospitals, and strengthens privacy protections for providers who prescribe medications for reproductive health care.

The bill also allows reproductive health care providers and gender-affirming health care providers to participate in the Confidential Substitute Address Act and establishes civil penalties for violations of the new privacy provisions.

Synopsis: The bill expands health care privacy protections by restricting the collection, disclosure, and use of sensitive health care information, including electronic medical records and geolocation data. The bill creates additional safeguards for providers and patients involved in reproductive and gender-affirming health care, including participation in address confidentiality programs and enhanced provider protections.

The bill includes enforcement mechanisms through civil penalties and requires coordination among state agencies to ensure compliance with the strengthened privacy standards.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission.

HB279 references the Crime Victims Reparation Commission in relation to providing training on domestic violence and sexual assault. However, CVRC does not directly develop or deliver training programs. CVRC's statutory role is limited to administering victim compensation and providing financial support to victim service programs.

While CVRC does not conduct training, the Commission may, within existing authority and resources, assist with funding training efforts through established grant mechanisms when allowable and appropriate. Training development and delivery are more appropriately administered by statewide and community-based coalitions with subject-matter expertise, including domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.

Any assistance with funding would be contingent upon existing appropriations and would not require additional staffing, resources, or operational changes at CVRC.

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CVRC defers to recognized domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions for training, technical assistance, and curriculum development. These coalitions have the specialized expertise, infrastructure, and statewide reach necessary to provide effective and trauma-informed training.

Clarifying CVRC's role as a funding and administrative partner, rather than a training provider, would ensure statutory alignment with the agency's mission and operational capacity.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None noted.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

None noted.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None suggested.

AMENDMENTS

None suggested.