

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 77** HLS 19RS 284  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Online Training for Medication Attendants	

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Authorizes online delivery of certain training required for medication attendants

Present law provides for certified medication attendants (CMAs) to provide oral and topical medications, as well as suppositories, but prohibits CMAs administering intravenous, intramuscular, and subcutaneous medications. Proposed law allows for CMA certification and recertification courses to be delivered in-person, online, or a combination of the two. Present law provides that the cost of implementation of CMA courses will be reimbursed to providers via contracts with the LA Dept. of Health or the Dept. of Children & Family Services. Proposed law retains present law but makes technical changes. Proposed law grants LDH additional rulemaking authority to implement proposed law.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditures for the LA Dept. of Health (LDH), Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities by an indeterminable amount beginning in FY 20 and in subsequent fiscal years. The proposed legislation allows for the online delivery of courses for certification and re-certification courses for certified medication attendants (CMAs).

LDH staff report that the most significant cost potential of proposed law is associated with translating CMA course content into an electronic learning management system (LMS) for use by CMA instructors. The department anticipates requiring either an annual \$180,000 subscription to access prepackaged online content or a one-time \$1.4 M expense to contract with an entity to translate its existing CMA curriculum into an online format. For reference, LDH states that it presently trains CMA instructors and develops CMA course content for instructors, who then train prospective CMAs for certification. In addition the reported potential costs, LDH anticipates a one-time \$7,000 expense to set up the LMS and anticipates a \$67,500 annual expense for 4,500 prospective and current CMAs to access the LMS annually for initial certification and re-certification, respectively.

LDH further anticipates requiring one additional T.O. position with annual salary (\$72,010) and related benefits (\$36,005) expenses totaling \$108,015 SGF annually to accommodate the workload increase associated with proposed law. The department reports the position is required to coordinate development of the LMS, monitor the LMS contract, and purchase any necessary hardware for the LMS, and oversee ongoing updates to training provided by the LMS, as well as oversee training of CMA instructors associated with use of the LMS. LDH further reports annual equipment and operating services expenditures associated with the position totaling approximately \$2,000 annually.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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