



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: SB0170: Eliminate termination date of community health aide program

Primary Sponsor: Jonathan Windy Boy Status: As Introduced

- Included in the Executive Budget       Needs to be included in HB 2       Significant Local Gov Impact
- Significant Long-Term Impacts       Technical Concerns       Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Expenditures				
Revenues				
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Description of fiscal impact

SB 170 eliminates the Department of Public Health and Human Services sunset date for the Community Health Aide Program which is designed to expand health care access to underserved tribal communities by allowing certified paraprofessionals to provide care. This bill also requires the Office of the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Public Health and Human Services (department)


1. The department assumes that it will engage in the state plan amendment development process with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in order to seek approval for Medicaid reimbursement for Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) services.
2. Administrative costs associated with implementing or administering the provisions of the program would be provided absorbed by the department within its existing operating budget.
3. CHAP authorized services would be provided through an Indian Health Service or Tribal 638 facility to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Medicaid members, these services would be 100% federally funded per Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).
4. The department cannot determine what the utilization rate for tribal community health aides would be, how many tribes would participate, nor what parts of CHAP would be implemented at the tribal level such as community health, behavioral health, or dental.
5. The department is also not guaranteed that CMS will grant approval of the state plan amendments therefore, the federal Medicaid funds that will fund this program are indeterminate.

#### Office of Secretary of State

1. This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to notify each federally recognized tribal government in Montana. While there may be a minimal fiscal impact, the Office of the Secretary of State will absorb the costs associated with implementing this bill within its existing operating budget.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
<u>Revenues</u>				
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

  
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Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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