

**FISCAL NOTE
PUBLIC COST**

- I. Department Title: Department of Health and Senior Services
Division Title: Division of Community and Public Health
Chapter Title: Maternal and Neonatal Care**

Rule Number and Name:	19 CSR 20-60.010. Levels of Maternal and Neonatal Care Designations
Type of Rulemaking:	Proposed Rule

II. SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT

Affected Agency or Political Subdivision	Estimated Cost of Compliance in the Aggregate
Department of Health & Senior Services' costs =	\$150,423 for the first three year period and \$102,831 for annually thereafter
14 public hospitals =	\$34,379 for the first three year period and \$13,625 for annually thereafter
Total =	\$184,802 for the first three year period and \$116,456 for annually thereafter

III. WORKSHEET

DHSS Nurse

One (1) nurse FTE annual salary of \$54,892 with estimated fringe benefits of \$28,098.

One-Time First Year expense (computer, office, furniture etc) for one FTE listed above - \$7,910

On-going expenses (including travel, office supplies, network, printing, etc.) for one FTE - \$19,841.

\$54,892 (salary) + \$28,098 (fringe benefits) + \$19,841 (on-going expenses) X three (3) = \$142,513 + \$7,910 (one-time first year expense) = \$150,423 for the first three year period.

\$54,892 (salary) + \$28,098 (fringe benefits) + \$19,841 (on-going expenses) = \$102,831 annually thereafter.

Hospitals

One (1) registered nurse X 14 public hospitals that will complete the LOCATe tool annually X \$29/hour X eight (8) hours = \$3,248 for the annual completion of the LOCATe tool.

One (1) registered nurse X 13 public hospitals that will have the department to conduct a verification review once every three (3) years X \$29/hour X three (3) hours = \$1,131 for the verification review by the department.

One (1) public hospital that will not have the department conduct a verification review X \$30,000 cost of designations by American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) to establish levels of maternal and neonatal care designations X one (1) time during a three year period = \$30,000.

$\$3,248 + \$1,131 + \$30,000 = \$34,379$ for the first three year period.

One (1) registered nurse X 14 public hospitals that will complete the LOCATe tool annually X \$29/hour X eight (8) hours = \$3,248 + \$377 (\$1,131/3 per year for the verification review completed once every three (3) years by DHSS) + \$10,000 (\$30,000/3 per year cost of designation by AAP and ACOG) = \$13,625 annually thereafter.

IV. ASSUMPTIONS

One nurse will be needed by the department to implement this rule. The nurse will conduct a desk audit of the annual LOCATe tool submitted by each hospital. The nurse will also conduct a verification review for each of the hospitals which receive a verification review by the department once every three years.

There are 14 public hospitals that will complete the LOCATe tool because the hospitals have either a licensed obstetric bed or a neonatal intensive care unit. A registered nurse with the requisite obstetrics knowledge and experience from each hospital will complete the LOCATe tool. It is estimated that this nurse will earn approximately \$29/hour and that it will take approximately eight (8) hours to complete the LOCATE tool each year. It is further estimated that it will take approximately three (3) hours for the nurse to participate in the verification review process performed by the department every three (3) years.

The department is estimating that approximately 13 public hospitals will have the department conduct its verification review once every three years. It is estimated that one (1) public hospital will not have the department conduct the verification review. This hospital will receive a neonatal designation with AAP which costs approximately \$15,000 for the level that the hospital will be applying for that will last for three (3) years. This hospital will also receive a maternal designation with ACOG which costs approximately \$15,000 for the level that the hospital will be applying for that will last for three (3) years.