

**FISCAL NOTE
PRIVATE COST**

- I. Department Title: Department of Health and Senior Services
Division Title: Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter Title: Medical Marijuana**

Rule Number and Title:	19 CSR 30-95.030 Qualifying Patient / Primary Caregiver
Type of Rulemaking:	Proposed

II. SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT

Estimate of the number of entities by class which would likely be affected by the adoption of the rule:	Classification by types of the business entities which would likely be affected:	Estimate in the aggregate as to the cost of compliance with the rule by the affected entities:
20,000	Patients	\$3,500,000 - unknown for the first year
unknown	Caregivers	unknown
Total =		\$3,500,000 - unknown for the first year

III. WORKSHEET

Patients and Patient Caregivers

Twenty thousand (20,000) patients x \$25 for patient identification card = \$500,000 for one year.

Twenty thousand (20,000) patients x \$150 for physician certification = \$3,000,000 for one year.

IV. ASSUMPTIONS

Each patient or caregiver who chooses to apply to the department for authorization to purchase and possess medical marijuana will be charged an application fee in the amount of twenty-five (25) dollars. If that individual also applies for authorization to cultivate medical marijuana, he or she will be charged an application fee of one hundred (100) dollars. If individuals choose to renew their authorizations, they will be charged these fees again at the time of their application for renewal.

The University of Missouri conducted a market analysis to try to predict, among other things, how many patients would apply for medical marijuana access in the first year the program is functioning. The analysis concluded Missouri can expect approximately twenty thousand patients in the first year.

Unfortunately, this number is only an estimate, and there are no estimates for the number of caregivers or number of individuals who will apply to cultivate.

In addition to application fees, patients or caregivers who are authorized to cultivate medical marijuana will incur costs to comply with regulations in this rule regarding secure cultivation areas. There are not reliable estimates for what it will cost any particular individual to comply with the regulations as there are many way to comply, and in addition to that, as mentioned above, there are no estimates for the number of patient/caregiver cultivators the department should expect.

The final private cost required by this regulation is the cost of obtaining a certification from a physician for the medical use of marijuana. The department is estimating the cost to patients for such visits based on anecdote and media reports, which indicate visits can cost between \$50 and \$250, with an average of \$150.