

**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 30-95.110 Physicians
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:
unknown	Physicians	\$1,956,200 for first year
Total =		\$1,956,200 for first year

III. WORKSHEET

Physicians

Unknown number of physicians x \$97.81/hr x 1 hr x twenty thousand (20,000) patients = \$1,956,200 for the first year.

IV. ASSUMPTIONS

Each physician who wants to certify a patient for the medical use of marijuana must meet with the patient and conduct certain administrative functions in connection with that meeting, such as creating a medical record and logging in to the state’s Patient Registry system to fill out and submit a certification form. Recent anecdotal and media reports indicate physicians in Missouri are scheduling certification appointments with patients in thirty- (30-) minute increments. The appointments are required by this rule in order for a physician to certify a patient. The department assumes the additional administrative functions related to these appointments that are required by this rule will take approximately thirty (30) minutes per patient. According to the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center, the mean hourly wage for Physician and Surgeons, All Other is \$97.81.

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. It is unknown how many physicians will participate in certifying patients.