

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 21, 2009
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: California Dialysis Council

BILL NUMBER: SB 221
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BILL SUMMARY: Home Dialysis Agencies

This bill would repeal existing law providing for licensure and regulation of home dialysis agencies by the Department of Public Health (DPH). Current law authorizes licensed home dialysis agencies to provide dialysis treatments in a patient's home, but the program has never been implemented.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the DPH. Since existing law related to licensing and regulating home dialysis agencies was never implemented, repealing this law would have no fiscal impact.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill.

According to the sponsor, this law was originally established in 1990 to license entities providing home dialysis services. At the time this law was chaptered, a particular agency, Home Intensive Care (HIC), was interested in being licensed as a home dialysis agency because it was billing the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under a billing method that has since been eliminated. Subsequently, HIC went out of business. Since then, agencies wishing to provide home dialysis services have been unable to comply with billing restrictions, making licensure financially impractical. Since there is no known interest in providing this service, DPH has not promulgated regulations to implement the authorized licensing program.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
		LA	PROP		2008-2009		2009-2010		
	CO	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	
4265/PublicHealth	SO	No			----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----				3098

<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
3098	Licensing and Certification Prog Fd, PH

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