

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Introduced on February 28, 2024 **Bill Number:** H. 5183

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Subject: Certified Medical Assistants and Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill makes changes to the requirements to become a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) by expanding the number of approved programs. The bill further expands the list of tasks that a physician or physician assistant may delegate to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP).

Based on a response from similar legislation, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing or Regulation (LLR) or the Board of Medical Examiners since the primary function of the bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency or the board.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 28, 2024 State Expenditure

This bill makes changes to the requirements to become a CMA by expanding the number of approved programs. The bill provides that CMA's include medical assistants who have maintained certification from one of the specified certifying entities since January 1, 2020. CMA's also include individuals who are currently employed as CMA's on the effective date of this bill who do not meet the education or training requirements, but who meet those requirements before July 15, 2026. The bill further expands the list of tasks that a physician or physician assistant may delegate to an UAP.

Based on a response from similar legislation, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or the Board of Medical Examiners since the primary function of the bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency or the board.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A