

**FISCAL NOTE  
PUBLIC COST**

- I. Department Title: Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division Title: DIVISION 30--Division of Regulation and Licensure  
Chapter Title: Chapter One—Controlled Substances**

<b>Rule Number and Name:</b>	19 CSR 30-1.015 Registrations and Fees
<b>Type of Rulemaking:</b>	Rule Amendment

**II. SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT**

Affected Agency or Political Subdivision	Estimated Cost of Compliance in the Aggregate
Government agencies that register to conduct activities with controlled substances.	The estimated cost of compliance with this proposed amendment is less than \$500 in the aggregate.
Hospitals, physicians, dentists, mid-level practitioners, mental health facilities,	.

**III. WORKSHEET**

There are 2,334 registrants that do not pay a fee but the Department handles their applications on an annual basis. These registrants are exempt from paying a registration fee because they are officials or employees of a governmental entity (United States, state, or other political subdivision). Since these registrants are exempt from paying registration fees (and any associated credit card processing fees), there are no direct associated costs with complying with this proposed amendment. Any costs associated with complying with the proposed amendment are derived from applying for a registration in an electronic format rather than applying via paper. Any costs associated with applying electronically should be minimal as registrants already have the ability to apply online since they already have computer hardware and software technology in their medical practice.

With respect to the Department, the estimated cost of complying with the proposed amendment is less than \$500 in that the Department already has a credit card payment system in place and all processing fees are borne by private entity registrants that use the system.

**IV. ASSUMPTIONS**

The department is working toward having everyone apply for their annual drug registrations online and then eliminate the paper application process unless there is an unforeseen emergency. Applicants will have to apply online electronically.

Medical providers in the industry already have computers and the ability to submit this data. They are already complying with laws regarding:

- Using electronic medical records;

- Mandatory computer submissions to bill and conduct business with Medicare and Medicaid;
- The federal DEA is implementing a regulations that all applications must be conducted online and in an electronic format;
- The Missouri legislature enacted a law to require all controlled substance prescriptions to be electronically submitted.

A paper application filled out by a registrant and mailed in to the department will take the registrants approximately 15 minutes of their time and then mailing costs. That registration process may take up to ten days.

At the department the application is handled by the mail room, then the fee receipt office for deposit, and then applications are hand entered into the database by staff. This process hits three separate department offices and is why it takes multiple days. The department pays to archive the applications.

Applying online takes 5 minutes and a new registration can be issued in one business day.