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## *FISCAL NOTE*

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### **S. 209 – An act relating to naturopathic physicians**

The bill proposes to require health insurers to:

- include naturopathic physicians as primary care providers
- include naturopathic physicians as medical homes under the Blueprint for Health
- specify that naturopathic physicians may practice independently and without supervision
- allow naturopathic physicians to apply for loans and grants from the states health information technology fund to enable them to purchase electronic health record programs

While there is still some uncertainty as to the full impact, there are no obvious costs to the state employee plan or Catamount Health premiums at this time.

*Fiscal Summary: No appropriation required*