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HOUSE BILL 25B-1010

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR DISPROPORTIONATELY
102 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of public health and environment and the department of health care policy and financing (health departments) to jointly issue advisory guidance to health-care providers and health-care facilities prohibited from receiving federal medicaid financing pursuant to the federal budget bill, H.R. 1 of the 119th Congress (2025-2026), on how to prioritize the continuity of care for

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disproportionately impacted communities, with an emphasis on rural areas, communities of color, and low-income populations. The advisory guidance must include strategies, within the provider's scope of practice, for maintaining access to immunizations, cancer screenings, and family planning services for these communities.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration - legislative intent.**

3 (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

4 (a) Reductions or changes in federal health-care funding
5 associated with the federal budget bill, H.R. 1 of the 119th Congress
6 (2025-2026), Pub.L. 119-21, including the bill's ban on spending
7 medicaid dollars on services provided by essential community providers,
8 have the potential to disproportionately harm disproportionately impacted
9 communities;

10 (b) These impacts may result in loss of coverage, reduced access
11 to care, worsened health outcomes, and a strain on community health
12 systems; and

13 (c) The state of Colorado must safeguard disproportionately
14 impacted communities.

15 (2) It is the intent of the general assembly that the department of
16 public health and environment and the department of health care policy
17 and financing carry out the requirements of this act through the use of
18 existing resources.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-1-139 as
20 follows:

21 **25-1-139. Continuity of care advisory guidance - repeal.**

22 (1) BY DECEMBER 15, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
23 ENVIRONMENT, CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-102, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF

1 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-1-104,
2 SHALL JOINTLY ISSUE ADVISORY GUIDANCE TO HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS
3 AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING FEDERAL
4 MEDICAID FINANCING PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET BILL, H.R. 1 OF
5 THE 119TH CONGRESS (2025-2026), PUB.L. 119-21, ON HOW THE
6 PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES CAN PRIORITIZE THE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON
8 RURAL AREAS, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS.
9 THE ADVISORY GUIDANCE MUST INCLUDE STRATEGIES, WITHIN THE
10 PROVIDER'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE, FOR MAINTAINING ACCESS TO
11 IMMUNIZATIONS, CANCER SCREENINGS, AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
12 FOR THESE COMMUNITIES. A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER OR HEALTH-CARE
13 FACILITY DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW
14 THE ADVISORY GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENTS.

15 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027.

16 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
19 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
20 institutions.