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Joint Budget Committee

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC  
102 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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**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>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing, in coordination with the department of human services and department of early childhood (state departments), to contract with a single county department of human or social services (county department) to administer a centralized member integrity service to conduct fraud investigations concerning eligibility for medicaid, the

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

supplemental nutrition assistance program, the Colorado child care assistance program, temporary assistance for needy families, and adult financial programs (public assistance programs), and benefit overpayments. The bill creates the centralized member integrity service cash fund consisting of money recouped from member fraud investigations.

On or before September 1, 2026, the bill requires the state departments to establish aligned requirements for county departments to comply with through a performance-based contract established between the state departments and each county department. On or before January 1, 2027, the state departments shall enter into a performance-based contract with each county department. The performance-based contract must establish requirements for the state departments and county departments to comply with in administering public assistance programs and establish corrective action protocols that are consistently utilized by the state departments.

Beginning September 1, 2026, the bill requires the state departments to work together to establish a continuous quality improvement process to review data reported to the state departments by the county departments. Beginning January 1, 2027, the department of human services (department), in collaboration with the state departments, must annually submit a report to the joint budget committee that includes an update on the continuous quality improvement process and data on the impact of the continuous quality improvement process.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the department, in collaboration with the department of health care policy and financing and the department of early childhood, must publish county-level and statewide performance data for the public assistance programs on a monthly basis on the department's website.

Beginning July 1, 2028, the state departments must oversee a streamlined public benefits delivery model to coordinate and distribute eligibility and case processing work to county departments. In supervising the work of the public benefits delivery model, the state departments must designate up to 12 cohorts in the state that will work together to administer public assistance benefits. The state departments shall enter into performance-based contracts with each cohort, identifying the roles and responsibilities of the state departments and the cohorts for administering a new public benefits delivery model to ensure public assistance programs are administered consistently and uniformly across the public assistance programs in the state.

On or before July 1, 2026, the state department must contract with a third-party contractor to help the state departments and county departments develop and implement a transition plan that must be followed when transitioning to the new public benefits delivery model. The bill establishes the implementation work group to work with the

third-party contractor to develop and implement the transition plan.

The bill establishes the state cross-departmental policy alignment team to align the policies of the public assistance programs to improve service delivery and outcomes for recipients of public assistance benefits.

The bill makes a household eligible for fuel assistance payments if the household has not received low-income energy assistance program assistance in the previous 12 months and if it is eligible for the standard utility allowance under federal law.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) In addition to near-term policy changes needed to stabilize the  
5 safety net, Colorado must develop a comprehensive, long-term plan to  
6 redesign the state's public benefits system to support cost mitigation,  
7 increased administrative efficiency, and the delivery of higher-quality  
8 services for individuals and families;

9 (b) To ensure effective change management and minimize  
10 disruption to services for individuals and families, the approach to  
11 redesigning the safety net must occur within established timelines and  
12 include structured planning processes, intentional stakeholder  
13 engagement, and regular progress reports to the general assembly;

14 (c) It is necessary for the department of human services, the  
15 department of early childhood, and the department of health care policy  
16 and financing, in partnership with counties and other interested  
17 stakeholders, to conduct a structured, facilitated process in order to ensure  
18 that on or before July 1, 2028, Colorado will operate a redesigned public  
19 benefits delivery model consisting of no more than twelve cohorts of  
20 counties working together to administer public assistance programs; and

21 (d) Because access to public benefits is fundamental to the health,

1 stability, and economic security of Colorado residents, the systems used  
2 to administer those benefits must be accessible, efficient, and reliable.

3 (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that:

4 (a) The state's current benefits technology infrastructure is  
5 fragmented, difficult to navigate, and imposes administrative burdens on  
6 applicants, recipients, and staff who determine applicant eligibility,  
7 which may limit access to services for eligible individuals and families;

8 (b) Modern, integrated technology systems are necessary to  
9 support efficient program administration, improve recipient experience,  
10 and ensure timely and effective delivery of benefits and services;

11 (c) Colorado has the opportunity to redesign its benefits  
12 technology infrastructure through the development of a state-owned,  
13 modular, and interoperable platform to improve coordination across  
14 programs and enhance service delivery; and

15 (d) Redesigning the state's benefits technology infrastructure is  
16 necessary to support effective program administration and service  
17 delivery under the redesigned public benefits delivery model. The  
18 redesign of the public benefits delivery model will be most effective  
19 when the state agencies responsible for benefits administration coordinate  
20 across programs, prioritize implementation of redesign efforts, and  
21 provide reports to the general assembly regarding progress toward these  
22 goals.

23 (3) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly that the  
24 following principles guide benefits technology redesign:

25 (a) The state should develop and maintain a state-owned benefits  
26 platform that supports modular design, interoperability, and long-term  
27 adaptability and that enables the measurement of program outcomes and

1 user experience;

2 (b) The state should develop and maintain a centralized system  
3 through which residents may access, apply for, and manage benefits  
4 across multiple programs in a manner that is accessible to individuals of  
5 all abilities, languages, and levels of digital access;

6 (c) The state should implement a whole-person approach to  
7 benefits administration by streamlining and integrating intake, eligibility,  
8 and enrollment processes to improve coordination and reduce  
9 administrative burden on applicants, recipients, and staff who determine  
10 applicant eligibility; and

11 (d) The state should ensure continuous improvement and  
12 responsiveness by adopting modern product management practices in its  
13 approach to benefits technology redesign, including ongoing user  
14 research, state-led prioritization of system requirements and  
15 enhancements, and iterative, agile development informed by performance  
16 metrics and user experience data.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-1-209 as  
18 follows:

19 **25.5-1-209. Centralized member integrity service - transition**  
20 **plan - member integrity service fund.**

21 (1) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY  
23 CHILDHOOD, SHALL CONTRACT WITH A SINGLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO  
24 ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE. THE  
25 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE MUST BE OPERATIONAL AND  
26 UTILIZED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027.

27 (2) THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE IS

1 RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS FRAUD CLAIMS,  
2 FRAUD RECOVERY, FRAUD DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONFERENCES AND  
3 STATE-LEVEL FRAUD HEARINGS CONCERNING PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY OR  
4 FRAUD AFFECTING ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS OR SIMILAR  
5 CREDIT CARD-TYPE DEVICE THROUGH WHICH FOOD STAMP OR CASH  
6 ASSISTANCE BENEFITS MAY BE DELIVERED.

7 (3) THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE MUST BE  
8 UTILIZED FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

9 (a) THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT  
10 TO ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF THIS TITLE 25.5;

11 (b) THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
12 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 26;

13 (c) THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
14 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 26.5;

15 (d) THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM,  
16 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-2-703; AND

17 (e) ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART  
18 1 OF ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 26, WHICH INCLUDES THE OLD AGE PENSION, AID  
19 TO THE NEEDY DISABLED, AND HOME CARE ALLOWANCE.

20 (4) (a) BY JANUARY 1, 2027, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL  
21 COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE A TRANSITION  
22 PLAN THAT MUST BE USED TO TRANSITION COUNTIES TO THE CENTRALIZED  
23 MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE.

24 (b) THE TRANSITION PLAN MUST OUTLINE THE PARAMETERS FOR  
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENT FRAUD AND PROGRAM INTEGRITY FUNCTIONS,  
26 INCLUDING CLAIMS, FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS, RECOUPMENT OF  
27 OVERPAYMENTS, DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONFERENCES, AND STATE LEVEL

1 HEARING SUPPORT, RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS DETAILED IN SUBSECTION  
2 (3) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (c) THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE A PHASED TRANSITION PROCESS  
4 WHICH MUST BEGIN JULY 1, 2027 AND TO CONCLUDE WITH ALL FRAUD AND  
5 PROGRAM INTEGRITY FUNCTIONS BEING CONDUCTED THROUGH THE  
6 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE BY JULY 1, 2028.

7 (d) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTINUE TO CONDUCTING  
8 AND COMPLETING FRAUD PROGRAM INTEGRITY FUNCTIONS IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND  
10 REGULATIONS UNTIL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS TRANSITIONED TO  
11 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
12 TRANSITION PLAN. ALL FRAUD AND PROGRAM INTEGRITY FUNCTIONS,  
13 INCLUDING OPEN INVESTIGATIONS, UNWORKED REFERRALS, AND  
14 RECOVERIES, MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTRALIZED SERVICE BY  
15 JULY 1, 2028.

16 (5)(a) THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND  
17 IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF RECOUPED  
18 MONEY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT RESULTS FROM MEMBER FRAUD  
19 INVESTIGATIONS AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
20 MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
21 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MONEY IN THE FUND MAY BE  
22 USED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
23 SERVICE FUNCTIONS AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, INCLUDING  
24 CONTRACTOR EXPENSES.

25 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND  
26 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE  
27 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND TO THE FUND.



1 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT  
2 A CONSISTENT CORRECTIVE ACTION FRAMEWORK MUST ENSURE:

- 3 (I) EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE CONCERNS;
- 4 (II) TIMELY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT;
- 5 (III) CLEAR EXPECTATIONS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS; AND
- 6 (IV) APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL MEASURES WHEN SYSTEMIC ISSUES  
7 REMAIN UNRESOLVED.

8 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
9 REQUIRES:

10 (a) "ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS" MEANS A STATE-RUN BENEFIT  
11 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THAT INCLUDES  
12 THE OLD AGE PENSION, AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED, AND HOME CARE  
13 ALLOWANCE, AS DETAILED IN PART 1 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26.

14 (b) "CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN" MEANS A FORMAL PLAN FOR WHEN  
15 A COUNTY DEPARTMENT FAILS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A  
16 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT, IN WHICH THE COUNTY IS A PARTY; A  
17 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROCESS; OR APPLICABLE STATE OR  
18 FEDERAL LAW.

19 (c) "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS" MEANS THE MEDICAL  
20 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF  
21 TITLE 25.5, THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
22 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26; THE  
23 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT  
24 TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 26.5; THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE  
25 FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-2-703; THE  
26 OLD AGE PENSION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXIV  
27 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS.

1 (d) "STATE DEPARTMENTS" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
2 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, AND  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

4 (3) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS  
5 SHALL COLLABORATE TO ESTABLISH ALIGNED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS  
6 FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THROUGH PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS,  
7 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS  
8 APPLICABLE TO EACH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER  
9 1, 2026, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL SHARE DRAFT TEMPLATES OF  
10 THE PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
11 FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

12 (4) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS  
13 SHALL ENTER INTO A PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT WITH EACH  
14 COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

15 (I) ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE AND COUNTY  
16 DEPARTMENTS FOR ADMINISTERING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

17 (II) ESTABLISHING CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS APPLICABLE  
18 TO BOTH THE STATE DEPARTMENTS AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS; AND

19 (III) CONSOLIDATING EXISTING CONTRACTS, MEMORANDA OF  
20 UNDERSTANDING, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE  
21 ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

22 (b) EACH PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT MUST INCLUDE, AT A  
23 MINIMUM:

24 (I) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS AND  
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;

26 (II) MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE METRICS;

27 (III) CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR A

1 COUNTY DEPARTMENT THAT FAILS TO MEET THE PERFORMANCE-BASED  
2 CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS;

3 (IV) FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, REQUIREMENTS TO MEET  
4 PERFORMANCE THRESHOLDS IDENTIFIED IN THE PERFORMANCE-BASED  
5 CONTRACT, INCLUDING:

6 (A) TRACKING METRICS THROUGH CONTINUOUS QUALITY  
7 IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES;

8 (B) PUBLISHING PERFORMANCE DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
9 SECTION 26-1-144;

10 (C) ASSESSING METRICS INCLUDED IN MANAGEMENT  
11 EVALUATIONS;

12 (D) ASSESSING METRICS INCLUDED IN QUALITY ASSURANCE  
13 REVIEWS;

14 (E) TRACKING AND REPORTING DATA FOR CONTINUOUS QUALITY  
15 IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC REPORTING;

16 (F) REQUIRING PARTICIPATION IN STATE-PROVIDED TRAINING AND  
17 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;

18 (G) COMPLYING WITH CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS; AND

19 (H) ASSESSING METRICS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES  
20 OVERSEEING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AND

21 (V) FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, REQUIREMENTS TO MEET  
22 PERFORMANCE THRESHOLDS, INCLUDING:

23 (A) PROVIDING FUNDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TRAINING  
24 TO ENABLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PROCESS CASES AND SERVE  
25 CLIENTS;

26 (B) MAINTAINING PRIMARY ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE FEDERAL  
27 GOVERNMENT AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL

1 LAW;

2 (C) REQUIREMENTS CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN CONTRACTS,  
3 MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
4 THE STATE DEPARTMENTS AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;

5 (D) REQUIREMENTS FOR LEADING STATEWIDE CONTINUOUS  
6 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY  
7 DEPARTMENTS; AND

8 (E) REQUIREMENTS TO PUBLISH PUBLIC-FACING PERFORMANCE  
9 DATA ON A REGULAR BASIS.

10 (5)(a) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS RETAIN ULTIMATE SUPERVISORY  
11 AUTHORITY OVER EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND SHALL MONITOR EACH  
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH PERFORMANCE-BASED  
13 CONTRACTS, STATE LAW, AND FEDERAL LAW. MONITORING MUST INCLUDE,  
14 AT A MINIMUM:

15 (I) DETERMINING THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH  
16 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE METRICS;

17 (II) QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS;

18 (III) CASE OR REPORT REVIEWS;

19 (IV) AUDIT FINDINGS; AND

20 (V) COMPLIANCE MONITORING REQUIRED BY STATE OR FEDERAL  
21 LAW.

22 (b) MONITORING MUST OCCUR AT LEAST MONTHLY, OR MORE  
23 FREQUENTLY WHEN PROGRAM PERFORMANCE METRICS PERMIT.

24 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL NOTIFY A COUNTY  
25 DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMANCE CONCERNS WHEN:

26 (I) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE FAILS TO MEET  
27 REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN THE PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS OR

1 THIS SECTION 26-1-119.5 FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS; OR

2 (II) MONITORING IDENTIFIES SYSTEMIC PRACTICE OR COMPLIANCE  
3 CONCERNS.

4 (d) UPON IDENTIFICATION OF A PERFORMANCE CONCERN, THE  
5 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COUNTY  
6 DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES:

7 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONCERN;

8 (II) APPLICABLE PERFORMANCE METRICS OR STANDARDS NOT  
9 BEING MET;

10 (III) SUPPORTING DATA OR FINDINGS; AND

11 (IV) NOTICE OF WHETHER OR NOT A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IS  
12 NECESSARY.

13 (e) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER  
14 RECEIVING THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (5)(d) OF THIS SECTION  
15 TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN DISPUTE OF THE FINDINGS OF A STATE  
16 DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE CONCERNS. THE STATE DEPARTMENTS  
17 MUST RESPOND TO A COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S DISPUTE WITHIN TEN  
18 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE DISPUTE.

19 (f) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL  
20 ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT THROUGHOUT ALL  
21 PHASES OF PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION.

22 (6) (a) IF A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IS REQUIRED, THE COUNTY  
23 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN WITHIN TEN  
24 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S  
25 PERFORMANCE CONCERNS AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (5)(d) OF THIS  
26 SECTION.

27 (b) THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

1 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE AREAS OF NONCOMPLIANCE OR  
2 UNDERPERFORMANCE;

3 (II) REQUIRED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS;

4 (III) IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES FOR THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS;

5 (IV) MEASURABLE INDICATORS OF PROGRESS TOWARD  
6 COMPLIANCE;

7 (V) REPORTING SCHEDULES;

8 (VI) A TARGET DATE FOR ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE, AS  
9 DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENTS; AND

10 (VII) A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN MONITORING PERIOD THAT  
11 COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (6)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (c) WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY  
13 DEPARTMENT'S SUBMISSION OF A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, AS REQUIRED  
14 BY SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
15 APPROVE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OR REQUEST MODIFICATIONS TO  
16 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

17 (d) THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN MONITORING PERIOD MUST BE  
18 NO MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AND MAY INCLUDE CASE REVIEWS, SITE  
19 VISITS, STAFF INTERVIEWS, DATA ANALYSIS, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE  
20 MEASURES.

21 (e) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS MAY EXTEND THE CORRECTIVE  
22 ACTION PLAN MONITORING PERIOD ONLY WHEN NECESSARY TO ACCOUNT  
23 FOR DATA AVAILABILITY OR A REPORTING DELAY. AN EXTENSION MUST BE  
24 BASED ON OBJECTIVE CRITERIA, APPLIED CONSISTENTLY ACROSS COUNTY  
25 DEPARTMENTS, AND DOCUMENTED IN WRITING.

26 (f) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS MUST BE ALIGNED  
27 ACROSS STATE DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE UNIFORMITY, TAKING INTO

1 ACCOUNT DIFFERENCES IN STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

3 (7) (a) IF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A  
4 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT OR AN APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION  
5 PLAN, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE SANCTIONS.

6 (b) SANCTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

7 (I) DISALLOWANCE OF STATE FUNDS;

8 (II) ASSIGNMENT OF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION TO ANOTHER  
9 COUNTY DEPARTMENT; OR

10 (III) ASSUMPTION OF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION BY A STATE  
11 DEPARTMENT.

12 (c) IF NONCOMPLIANCE PRESENTS AN IMMINENT RISK TO THE  
13 HEALTH OR SAFETY OF CLIENTS, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS MAY TAKE  
14 IMMEDIATE ACTION AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

15 (8) THIS SECTION DOES NOT RESTRICT OR AFFECT THE POWERS,  
16 DUTIES, OR FUNCTIONS OF A STATE DEPARTMENT AS AUTHORIZED OR  
17 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE LAW.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-1-143 as  
19 follows:

20 **26-1-143. Continuous quality improvement.**

21 (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 HUMAN SERVICES, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
23 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD,  
24 AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SHALL  
25 ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESS TO REVIEW  
26 THE METRICS REPORTED THROUGH COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE  
27 PERFORMANCE DATA, ERROR RATES, AND OTHER ERRORS AND

1 INCONSISTENCIES TO IDENTIFY ROOT CAUSES AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES  
2 TO IMPROVE ACCURACY AND CONSISTENCY IN ELIGIBILITY  
3 DETERMINATIONS.

4 (2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND ON OR BEFORE EVERY  
5 JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND DEPARTMENT  
7 OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET  
8 COMMITTEE PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE CONTINUOUS QUALITY  
9 IMPROVEMENT PROCESS AND DATA ON THE IMPACT OF THE CONTINUOUS  
10 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESS ON THE METRICS INCLUDED IN THE  
11 PROCESS.

12 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-1-144 as  
13 follows:

14 **26-1-144. Data transparency and public reporting -**  
15 **definitions.**

16 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
17 REQUIRES:

18 (a) "ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS" MEANS A STATE-RUN BENEFIT  
19 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND INCLUDES  
20 THE OLD AGE PENSION, AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED, AND HOME CARE  
21 ALLOWANCE.

22 (b) "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS" MEANS THE MEDICAL  
23 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF  
24 TITLE 25.5; THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
25 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26; THE  
26 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT  
27 TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 26.5; THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR

1 NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-2-703; THE OLD  
2 AGE PENSION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXIV OF  
3 THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS.

4 (c) "STATE DEPARTMENTS" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
5 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, AND  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

7 (2) BEGINNING JANUARY 2027, AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER, THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND DEPARTMENT  
10 OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, SHALL PUBLISH COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE  
11 PERFORMANCE DATA ON THE FOLLOWING METRICS FOR EACH OF THE  
12 FOLLOWING PUBLIC BENEFITS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES'S  
13 WEBSITE IN A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE FORMAT:

14 (a) FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHED  
15 PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF TITLE 25.5:

16 (I) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS  
17 APPROVED WITHIN THE TIMELINES REQUIRED IN FEDERAL LAW AND  
18 REGULATION FOR ALL APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS BASED ON  
19 DISABILITY;

20 (II) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS  
21 DENIED WITHIN THE TIMELINES REQUIRED IN FEDERAL LAW AND  
22 REGULATION FOR ALL APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS BASED ON  
23 DISABILITY;

24 (III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS PROCESSED  
25 EACH MONTH, INCLUDING:

26 (A) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RENEWED USING EXISTING  
27 DATA SOURCES AND THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RENEWED USING

1 ADDITIONAL COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE CLIENT;  
2 (B) THE NUMBER OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL  
3 APPLICATIONS PROCESSED AND DETERMINED INELIGIBLE;  
4 (C) THE NUMBER OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL  
5 APPLICATIONS DENIED FOR PROCEDURAL REASONS; AND  
6 (D) THE NUMBER OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL  
7 APPLICATIONS PENDING REVIEW;  
8 (IV) THE NUMBER OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL  
9 APPLICATIONS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE DURING THE NINETY-DAY  
10 RECONSIDERATION PERIOD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 42 CFR 435.916  
11 (b)(2)(iii);  
12 (V) THE NUMBER OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS OR APPEALS  
13 REGARDING ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS, OR SERVICES FILED WITH THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING; AND  
15 (VI) THE NUMBER OF PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGE REQUESTS  
16 FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ENROLLMENT APPROVED WITHIN THE  
17 FEDERALLY REQUIRED TIMELINES AND THE NUMBER DENIED WITHIN THE  
18 FEDERALLY REQUIRED TIMELINES;  
19 (b) FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,  
20 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26:  
21 (I) THE RATE OF APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMELINESS FOR  
22 STANDARD APPLICATIONS;  
23 (II) THE RATE OF APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMELINESS FOR  
24 EXPEDITED APPLICATIONS; AND  
25 (III) THE RATE OF RECERTIFICATION PROCESSING TIMELINESS;  
26 (c) FOR THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHED  
27 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 26.5:

1 (I) THE PERCENTAGE OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS  
2 FOR REDETERMINATION APPROVED WITHIN THE TIMELINES REQUIRED BY  
3 RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD; AND

4 (II) ENROLLMENT IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INCOME ELIGIBILITY  
5 TIERS:

6 (A) ONE HUNDRED THIRTY PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY  
7 LINE AND BELOW;

8 (B) MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE PERCENT BUT ONE  
9 HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE;  
10 AND

11 (C) ABOVE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL  
12 POVERTY LINE;

13 (d) FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES  
14 PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-2-703, THE PERCENTAGE OF  
15 APPLICATIONS AND REDETERMINATIONS APPROVED WITHIN THE TIMELINES  
16 REQUIRED BY RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

17 (e) FOR ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS, THE PERCENTAGE OF  
18 APPLICATIONS AND REDETERMINATIONS APPROVED WITHIN THE TIMELINES  
19 REQUIRED BY RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;  
20 AND

21 (f) FOR EACH OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

22 (I) THE MONTHLY CASELOAD;

23 (II) THE PERCENTAGE OF APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENTS, AND  
24 RENEWALS PROCESSED THROUGH THE STATE'S ONLINE SYSTEM FOR  
25 APPLICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND  
26 THE PERCENTAGE OF APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENTS, AND RENEWALS  
27 PROCESSED BY OTHER METHODS;

1 (III) THE AVERAGE CALL HOLD TIME FOR CLIENTS AND  
2 APPLICANTS; AND

3 (IV) THE NUMBER OF APPEALS FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS THAT NAME A COUNTY AS A PARTY.

5 (3) THE DATA REPORTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
6 SECTION MUST BE UPDATED MONTHLY AND PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE  
7 WITH DATA PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS OF THE STATE. DATA  
8 FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS MUST REMAIN PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE.

9 (4) BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2026, AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER,  
10 EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION DETAILED  
11 IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, OTHER THAN THE INFORMATION  
12 DETAILED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)(VI) OF THIS SECTION, TO EACH  
13 RESPECTIVE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE  
14 POLICY AND FINANCING SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION DETAILED IN  
15 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(VI) OF THIS SECTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

16 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IN COLLABORATION  
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT,  
19 TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE, AND TRAINING TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,  
20 AS REASONABLY NECESSARY, ON HOW TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION  
21 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE RESPECTIVE STATE  
22 DEPARTMENTS.

23 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 8 to article  
24 1 of title 26 as follows:

25 PART 8

26 DELIVERY OF PUBLIC BENEFITS

27 **26-1-801. Legislative declaration.**

1 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

2 (a) ACCESS TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO  
3 THE HEALTH, STABILITY, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY OF COLORADO  
4 RESIDENTS, AND THE SYSTEMS USED TO ADMINISTER THOSE BENEFITS  
5 MUST BE ACCESSIBLE, EFFICIENT, AND RELIABLE;

6 (b) MODERN, INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS ARE NECESSARY  
7 TO SUPPORT EFFICIENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, IMPROVE PROGRAM  
8 RECIPIENT EXPERIENCE, AND ENSURE THE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE  
9 DELIVERY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS AND SERVICES;

10 (c) THE STATE'S CURRENT BENEFITS TECHNOLOGY  
11 INFRASTRUCTURE IS FRAGMENTED, DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE, AND IMPOSES  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS ON APPLICANTS, RECIPIENTS, AND STAFF WHO  
13 DETERMINE APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY, WHICH MAY LIMIT ACCESS TO  
14 SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES;

15 (d) COLORADO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REDESIGN ITS BENEFITS  
16 TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
17 STATE-OWNED, MODULAR, AND INTEROPERABLE PLATFORM TO IMPROVE  
18 COORDINATION ACROSS PROGRAMS AND ENHANCE SERVICE DELIVERY;

19 (e) DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM PLAN TO  
20 REDESIGN THE STATE'S PUBLIC BENEFITS SYSTEM SUPPORTS COST  
21 MITIGATION, INCREASES ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY, AND RESULTS IN  
22 THE DELIVERY OF HIGHER-QUALITY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND  
23 FAMILIES;

24 (f) TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE CHANGE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMIZE  
25 DISRUPTION TO SERVICES FOR RECIPIENT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES,  
26 REDESIGNING THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL FOR THE STATE'S  
27 PUBLIC BENEFITS SYSTEM MUST OCCUR WITHIN ESTABLISHED TIMELINES

1 AND INCLUDE STRUCTURED PLANNING PROCESSES, INTENTIONAL  
2 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, AND REGULAR PROGRESS UPDATES TO THE  
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

4 (g) REDESIGNING THE STATE'S BENEFITS TECHNOLOGY  
5 INFRASTRUCTURE MUST BE PRIORITIZED TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE PROGRAM  
6 ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY UNDER THE REDESIGNED PUBLIC  
7 BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL.

8 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND  
11 FINANCING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTIES AND OTHER INTERESTED  
12 STAKEHOLDERS, SHOULD CONDUCT A STRUCTURED, FACILITATED PROCESS  
13 TO ENSURE THAT COLORADO OPERATES A REDESIGNED PUBLIC BENEFITS  
14 DELIVERY MODEL BEGINNING IN 2028.

15 (b) THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY SYSTEM REDESIGN SHOULD  
16 PRIORITIZE:

17 (I) THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A STATE-OWNED,  
18 MODULAR, INTEROPERABLE BENEFITS PLATFORM THAT IS ADAPTABLE  
19 LONG TERM AND MEASURES PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND USER EXPERIENCE;

20 (II) THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRALIZED  
21 SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH INDIVIDUALS MAY ACCESS, APPLY FOR, AND  
22 MANAGE BENEFITS ACROSS MULTIPLE BENEFITS PROGRAMS. THE  
23 CENTRALIZED SYSTEM SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS OF ALL  
24 ABILITIES, LANGUAGES, AND LEVELS OF DIGITAL ACCESS.

25 (III) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A WHOLE-PERSON APPROACH TO  
26 PUBLIC BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION THAT STREAMLINES AND INTEGRATES  
27 INTAKE, ELIGIBILITY, AND ENROLLMENT PROCESSES TO IMPROVE

1 COORDINATION AND REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON APPLICANTS,  
2 RECIPIENTS, AND STAFF; AND

3 (IV) MODERN PRODUCT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT ALLOW  
4 FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND RESPONSIVENESS, INCLUDING  
5 ONGOING USER RESEARCH, SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS, AND SYSTEM  
6 DEVELOPMENT INFORMED BY PERFORMANCE METRICS AND USER  
7 EXPERIENCE DATA.

8 **26-1-802. Definitions.**

9 AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
10 REQUIRES:

11 (1) "COHORT" MEANS A GROUP OF COUNTIES THAT ARE REQUIRED  
12 TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADMINISTER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS  
13 THROUGH SHARED WORK AND POOLED RESOURCES. A COHORT'S WORK IS  
14 INFORMED BY THE TRANSITION PLAN, REPORT, AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
15 REQUIRED BY THIS PART 8.

16 (2) "CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL POLICY ALIGNMENT TEAM" OR "TEAM"  
17 MEANS THE CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL POLICY ALIGNMENT TEAM CREATED IN  
18 SECTION 26-1-808.

19 (3) "IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP" MEANS THE  
20 IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP CREATED IN SECTION 26-1-806.

21 (4) "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS" MEANS THE MEDICAL  
22 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF TITLE 25.5,  
23 THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN  
24 PART 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26, THE COLORADO CHILD CARE  
25 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE  
26 26.5, THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM  
27 DESCRIBED IN PART 7 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26, THE OLD AGE

1 PENSION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE XXIV OF THE STATE  
2 CONSTITUTION, AND THE ADULT FINANCIAL PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART  
3 1 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 26, WHICH INCLUDE THE OLD AGE PENSION,  
4 AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED, AND HOME CARE ALLOWANCE.

5 (5) "PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL" MEANS A SYSTEM IN  
6 WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION, PROCESSING, AND DELIVERY OF PUBLIC  
7 ASSISTANCE BENEFITS AND SERVICES ARE CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE  
8 CENTRALIZED AND UNIFORM DELIVERY MODEL.

9 (6) "SHARED SERVICES" MEANS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OR  
10 OPERATIONAL FUNCTION PERFORMED BY A COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON  
11 BEHALF OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN A COHORT, AND DEVELOPED IN  
12 CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENTS AND  
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SHARED SERVICES INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

14 (a) A CALL CENTER TO HANDLE ALL CALLS RELATED TO PROGRAM  
15 ELIGIBILITY ON BEHALF OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT;

16 (b) QUALITY ASSURANCE TO HANDLE ALL RELATED  
17 RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION QUALITY  
18 FOR THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AND

19 (d) CENTRAL SCANNING SERVICES TO MANAGE DOCUMENTS  
20 RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS AND MEMBERS.

21 (7) "STATE DEPARTMENTS" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
22 SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING,  
23 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

24 (8) "THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR" MEANS THE ENTITY  
25 CONTRACTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENTS TO ASSIST THE  
26 IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-1-805.

27 (9) "TRANSITION PLAN" MEANS THE TRANSITION PLAN DESCRIBED

1 IN SECTION 26-1-807.

2 **26-1-803. Public benefits delivery model - state departments**  
3 **responsibilities.**

4 (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2028, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL  
5 OVERSEE A STREAMLINED PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL MADE UP OF  
6 NO MORE THAN TWELVE COHORTS. EACH COHORT SHALL COORDINATE AND  
7 DISTRIBUTE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND CASE  
8 PROCESSING WORK ACCORDING TO A SHARED WORKFLOW, AS DETERMINED  
9 BY THE TRANSITION PLAN.

10 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC  
11 BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL IS IMPLEMENTED WITH CONSISTENCY ACROSS  
12 THE STATE DEPARTMENTS AND COHORTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE  
13 DIFFERENCES AND REQUIREMENTS OF EACH STATE DEPARTMENT IN  
14 ADMINISTERING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
15 PROGRAMS.

16 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL EMPLOY UP TO  
17 TWELVE HUMAN SERVICES REGIONAL MANAGERS WHO ARE  
18 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO SUPPORT THE  
19 COHORTS AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE, DIRECTION, AND TECHNICAL  
20 ASSISTANCE TO THE COHORTS TO ENSURE CONSISTENT, EFFECTIVE,  
21 COMPLIANT, AND ACCOUNTABLE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
22 PROGRAMS.

23 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, THROUGH REGULAR MONITORING  
24 AND SUPERVISION, SHALL ENSURE COHORTS COMPLY WITH THE  
25 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 8 AND WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE STATE  
26 DEPARTMENTS.

27 (5) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS RETAIN SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

1 OVER THE COHORTS AND COUNTIES WITHIN THE COHORTS UNDER THE  
2 PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL. THE STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL  
3 MONITOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE AND INSTITUTE  
4 CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS, WHICH MUST BE ALIGNED ACROSS THE  
5 STATE DEPARTMENTS AND INCLUDED IN ALL PERFORMANCE-BASED  
6 CONTRACTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 26-1-804. THE STATE DEPARTMENTS  
7 SHALL COMMUNICATE WITH COHORTS AS NEEDED REGARDING  
8 COMPLIANCE, CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS, AND PROGRAM-SPECIFIC  
9 PERFORMANCE ISSUES.

10 (6) FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY  
11 MODEL IS CONTINGENT ON AVAILABLE AND OPERATIONAL READINESS OF  
12 SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CROSS-COUNTY WORK  
13 SHARING. THE STATE DEPARTMENTS MUST ENSURE THAT COHORTS AND  
14 COUNTIES ARE PROVIDED ADEQUATE TIME, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT TO  
15 IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL, INCLUDING NEW  
16 WORKFORCE PROCESSES, UPDATED TECHNOLOGY, AND OPERATIONAL  
17 MODELS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CROSS-COUNTY WORK SHARING.

18 (7) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IN A COHORT IS NOT FINANCIALLY OR  
19 LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANOTHER COUNTY  
20 DEPARTMENT IN THE COHORT, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF A  
21 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENTS OR  
22 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COUNTIES, TO THE EXTENT  
23 ALLOWABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

24 **26-1-804. Performance-based contracts.**

25 (1) THE STATE DEPARTMENTS AND COHORTS SHALL ENTER INTO A  
26 PERIODICALLY NEGOTIATED PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT THAT  
27 IDENTIFIES THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY UNDER THE

1 PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL.

2 (2) STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE-BASED  
3 CONTRACTS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COHORTS, AND  
4 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS MUST COMPLY WITH STATE AND  
5 FEDERAL LAW.

6 (3) AT A MINIMUM, A PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT MUST  
7 INCLUDE:

8 (a) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED FOR THE STATE  
9 DEPARTMENTS AND COHORTS IN THE TRANSITION PLAN, IN ACCORDANCE  
10 WITH SECTION 26-1-807;

11 (b) MEASURABLE OUTCOME- AND PERFORMANCE-BASED METRICS  
12 AND ANY ASSOCIATED INCENTIVE PAYMENT STRUCTURES;

13 (c) CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS WHEN A COHORT OR COUNTY  
14 DEPARTMENT WITHIN A COHORT FAILS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
15 THE PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT; AND

16 (d) OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR SHARED WORK AND SHARED  
17 RESOURCES.

18 **26-1-805. Third-party contractor.**

19 (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, IN  
20 CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SHALL CONTRACT WITH  
21 AT LEAST ONE THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE  
23 TRANSITION PLAN AND CORRESPONDING REPORT AND DEVELOPING  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL.

25 (2) AT A MINIMUM, THE SELECTED THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR IS  
26 RESPONSIBLE FOR:

27 (a) PRESENTING MULTIPLE COHORT-BASED MODEL OPTIONS TO THE

1 STATE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
2 PROGRAMS. THE COHORT-BASED MODEL OPTIONS MUST:

3 (I) VARY IN SIZE AND STRUCTURE;  
4 (II) IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES RENDERED TO PUBLIC  
5 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS; AND

6 (III) INCLUDE FISCAL, OPERATIONAL, AND SHARED SERVICES  
7 CONSIDERATIONS, CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES, AS  
8 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209, SHARED SERVICES, AND STRATEGIES  
9 THAT SUPPORT COMPLIANCE, COST CONTAINMENT, MAXIMIZATION OF  
10 EXISTING CAPACITY AND STRENGTHS, AND INCREASED EFFICACY. THE  
11 CONSIDERATIONS AND STRATEGIES MUST DRAW UPON AVAILABLE DATA,  
12 RESEARCH, EXISTING STRUCTURES, AND EXAMPLES FROM OTHER STATES.

13 (b) CONVENING AND FACILITATING DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE  
14 STATE DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHER RELEVANT  
15 STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP TO  
16 SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSITION PLAN AND  
17 CORRESPONDING REPORT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL;

18 (c) FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSITION PLAN  
19 AND CORRESPONDING REPORT IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
20 FOR THE TRANSITION PLAN;

21 (d) ENSURING INTENTIONAL OUTREACH TO AND ENGAGEMENT  
22 WITH COUNTIES OF VARYING SIZES AND GEOGRAPHIES, INCLUDING SMALL  
23 AND RURAL COUNTIES; ADVOCATES; FRONTLINE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY  
24 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS; COMMUNITY PARTNERS; AND PUBLIC  
25 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT REPRESENTATIVES, TO SUPPORT THE  
26 DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSITION PLAN AND CORRESPONDING REPORT;

27 (e) RESEARCHING AND PRESENTING OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC

1 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT CASE MANAGEMENT MODELS AND FOR  
2 TRACKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS' EXPERIENCES AND  
3 ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS, ENROLLMENT  
4 PROCESS, AND UTILIZATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, TO  
5 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AND OUTCOMES; AND

6 (f) FACILITATING DISCUSSIONS AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT  
7 RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN THE AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND  
8 FEDERAL FUNDING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS, TAKING INTO  
9 CONSIDERATION THE IMPACTS OF H.R. 1, 119TH CONGRESS (2025-2026),  
10 PUB.L. 119-21, AND THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON ERROR RATES,  
11 REDUCTIONS IN RESOURCES, AND INCREASED WORKLOAD.

12 (3) THE THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SELECTED THROUGH  
13 A PROCESS THAT INCLUDES CONSULTATION WITH AND INPUT FROM  
14 COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTIES THAT  
15 VARY IN SIZE.

16 (4) UPON APPROVAL BY THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, THE  
17 THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR MAY SUBCONTRACT WITH OTHER  
18 INDEPENDENT ENTITIES WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE TO CARRY OUT ONE  
19 OR MORE OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
20 SECTION.

21 (5) COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL  
22 COOPERATE WITH REASONABLE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED  
23 FROM THE THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR OR A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR'S  
24 SUBCONTRACTOR.

25 (6) THE SELECTION OF THE THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR IS EXEMPT  
26 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101  
27 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

1                   **26-1-806. Implementation work group - subgroups - reports.**

2                   (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE STATE DEPARTMENTS, IN  
3 COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SHALL ESTABLISH AN  
4 IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP TO WORK WITH THE THIRD-PARTY  
5 CONTRACTOR AND SUBGROUP DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
6 SECTION TO DEVELOP THE TRANSITION PLAN AND CORRESPONDING REPORT  
7 AND TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY  
8 MODEL.

9                   (2) THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP IS COMPOSED OF NO MORE  
10 THAN FIFTEEN MEMBERS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
11 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, STATE DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FROM  
12 COUNTIES THAT VARY IN SIZE, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WITH  
13 RELEVANT SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE, INCLUDING PHILANTHROPIC  
14 ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND HUMAN SERVICES  
15 PROVIDERS.

16                   (3) (a) THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP SHALL CONVENE A  
17 SUBGROUP TO ADVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP ON THE  
18 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSITION PLAN AND  
19 CORRESPONDING REPORT.

20                   (b) THE SUBGROUP MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
21 AND REPRESENTATIVES:

22                   (I) BENEFIT RECIPIENTS OR THE PARENTS OF CHILD BENEFIT  
23 RECIPIENTS;

24                   (II) HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS AND PROVIDERS ENROLLED IN  
25 THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

26                   (III) COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY EMPLOYEES  
27 AND CASE WORKERS, OR THEIR SUPERVISORS;

1 (IV) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
2 AND THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE;

3 (V) DISABILITY ADVOCATES;

4 (VI) REPRESENTATIVES OF ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
5 REPRESENT SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHILDREN AND ADVOCATE FOR POVERTY  
6 REFORM;

7 (VII) REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS THAT  
8 PARTICIPATE IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR PUBLIC  
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AND

10 (VIII) REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGED CARE ENTITIES.

11 (4) THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP MAY CONVENE  
12 ADDITIONAL SUBGROUPS TO ASSIST THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP  
13 ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

14 (a) TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION;

15 (b) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT ENGAGEMENT, CASE  
16 MANAGEMENT, AND PROGRAM DELIVERY PROCESS IMPROVEMENT;

17 (c) FISCAL, ALLOCATION, AND GOVERNANCE REFORM;

18 (d) WORKFORCE TRANSITION AND LABOR PROTECTIONS; AND

19 (e) PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS AND OUTCOME MEASURES.

20 (5) (a) IN DEVELOPING THE TRANSITION PLAN AND  
21 CORRESPONDING REPORT, THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP AND  
22 SUBGROUPS SHALL ENGAGE WITH, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, INTERESTED  
23 AND IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING  
24 URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND RURAL AREAS, AND ACROSS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
25 PROGRAMS, AND SHALL ACTIVELY SEEK THE INPUT AND GUIDANCE OF  
26 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS,  
27 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS, COUNTY ELIGIBILITY EMPLOYEES AND

1 CASEWORKERS, THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE AND UTE MOUNTAIN  
2 UTE TRIBE, ADVOCACY GROUPS, AND OTHER INTERESTED AND IMPACTED  
3 COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

4 (b) TO FACILITATE THE ENGAGEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
5 (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP MUST  
6 ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH PUBLIC MEETINGS, WORKING  
7 SESSIONS, WRITTEN COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC REPORTING OF  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TRANSITION PLAN.

9 (c) TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND MEET WITH AS MANY  
10 STAKEHOLDERS AS POSSIBLE, THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP MAY  
11 MEET WITH STAKEHOLDERS USING ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL PLATFORMS  
12 AND FORMATS.

13 (6) (a) FROM JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2027, THE  
14 STATE DEPARTMENTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,  
15 SHALL PROVIDE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE  
16 IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE  
17 JOINT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND  
19 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

20 (b) FROM JANUARY 1, 2027, THROUGH JULY 1, 2028, THE STATE  
21 DEPARTMENTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SHALL  
22 PROVIDE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE WORK OF THE  
23 IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSITION  
24 PLAN AND CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,  
25 THE JOINT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
26 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND  
27 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

1                   **26-1-807. Transition plan.**

2                   (1) THE IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP SHALL WORK WITH THE  
3 THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR TO DESIGN A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE  
4 ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS UNDER THE PUBLIC  
5 BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL.

6                   (2) THE TRANSITION PLAN MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE STATE  
7 DEPARTMENTS' AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS' EXISTING WORK,  
8 STRUCTURES, AGREEMENTS, AND UPDATES TO ENSURE THE NEW PUBLIC  
9 BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL BUILDS ON EXISTING PROCESSES AND  
10 PROCEDURES. THE TRANSITION PLAN MUST ALSO CONSIDER PUBLIC  
11 BENEFITS DELIVERY MODELS USED BY OTHER STATES THAT OPERATE A  
12 COUNTY-ADMINISTERED PUBLIC BENEFITS SYSTEM.

13                   (3) AT A MINIMUM, THE TRANSITION PLAN MUST ADDRESS THE  
14 FOLLOWING:

15                   (a) FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS:

16                   (I) FUNDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TRAINING FOR THE  
17 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THE INDIVIDUAL STATE DEPARTMENTS  
18 OVERSEE;

19                   (II) STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY,  
20 SERVICE DELIVERY, EFFICIENCY, AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND  
21 HOW THOSE STANDARDS ARE ALIGNED ACROSS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
22 PROGRAMS;

23                   (III) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL  
24 AND STATE LAW;

25                   (IV) POLICY ANALYSIS AND GUIDANCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION  
26 OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THROUGH SHARED WORK AND POOLED  
27 RESOURCES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL POLICY

1 ALIGNMENT TEAM;

2 (V) TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENTS  
3 NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE RECOMMENDED PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY  
4 MODEL AND SUPPORT COHORTS OR INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES WITHIN COHORTS  
5 IN MEETING THE PERFORMANCE AND OUTCOME MEASURES ESTABLISHED  
6 IN THE PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS REQUIRED IN SECTION 26-1-804;

7 (VI) CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES;

8 (VII) MANAGEMENT EVALUATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE  
9 PROCESSES;

10 (VIII) ACHIEVEMENT OF METRICS ESTABLISHED IN THE  
11 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS;

12 (IX) INITIATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS;

13 (X) PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC-FACING PERFORMANCE DATA ON A  
14 MONTHLY BASIS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-1-144;

15 (XI) ESTABLISHMENT AND MONITORING OF THE CENTRALIZED  
16 MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209 AND ANY  
17 OTHER CENTRALIZED SERVICES AND PROCESSES; AND

18 (XII) DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT  
19 EXPERIENCE MEASUREMENT TOOLS, INCLUDING SURVEYS THAT CAPTURE  
20 EXPERIENCES ACROSS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

21 (b) FOR THE COHORTS:

22 (I) STANDARDIZED AND CONSISTENT ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC  
23 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

24 (II) STANDARDIZED AND CONSISTENT GOVERNANCE AND  
25 COORDINATION STRUCTURE;

26 (III) ACHIEVEMENT OF METRICS ESTABLISHED IN  
27 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTS;

1 (IV) DATA TRACKING AND REPORTING FOR CONTINUOUS QUALITY  
2 IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING;

3 (V) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
4 INTEGRITY SERVICE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209 AND ANY OTHER  
5 SHARED SERVICE MODELS;

6 (VI) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN CONTINUOUS QUALITY  
7 IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 26-1-143;

8 (VII) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN STATE-PROVIDED TRAINING  
9 AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;

10 (VIII) REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE-PROVIDED  
11 TECHNOLOGY TO MEET FEDERAL OR STATE REQUIREMENTS;

12 (IX) COMPLIANCE WITH CORRECTIVE ACTION PROTOCOLS;

13 (X) STANDARDIZED AND CONSISTENT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
14 PROGRAM RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT, AND ENGAGEMENT  
15 PROTOCOLS;

16 (XI) CONSISTENT USE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENT  
17 EXPERIENCE MEASUREMENT TOOLS, INCLUDING SURVEYS THAT CAPTURE  
18 EXPERIENCE ACROSS THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AND

19 (XII) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONALIZATION  
20 OF SHARED SERVICES.

21 (4) THE TRANSITION PLAN MUST:

22 (a) ESTABLISH RECOMMENDATIONS, OPTIONS, AND MODELS FOR A  
23 COHORT-BASED PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL THAT INCLUDES NO  
24 MORE THAN TWELVE COHORTS AND COMPONENTS THAT ALIGN WITH THE  
25 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 8;

26 (b) ENSURE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND  
27 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY

1 MODEL ARE IDENTIFIED AND ENSURE THAT TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION  
2 PROCEEDS INDEPENDENTLY AS AN ESSENTIAL ENABLER OF PUBLIC  
3 BENEFITS DELIVERY, DESIGNED TO BE FLEXIBLE TO SUPPORT A RANGE OF  
4 STRUCTURES, PROMOTE INTEROPERABILITY, DATA SECURITY, AND  
5 EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR RECIPIENTS AND STAFF. TECHNOLOGY  
6 MODERNIZATION MUST NOT BE DELAYED OR CONSTRAINED BY OTHER  
7 ASPECTS OF THE TRANSITION PLAN.

8 (c) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A COHORT OR  
9 STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES MODEL FOR KEY ADMINISTRATIVE  
10 FUNCTIONS IN THE PUBLIC BENEFITS DELIVERY MODEL, INCLUDING A CALL  
11 CENTER, QUALITY ASSURANCE, AND SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES,  
12 AND IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR SHARED  
13 DELIVERY AND ARE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCY, REDUCE  
14 DUPLICATION, AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE;

15 (d) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A STATE OR  
16 COUNTY-SUPPORTED STAFFING MODEL, INCLUDING THE ROLE, STRUCTURE,  
17 AUTHORITY, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE TO SUPPORT  
18 PERFORMANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND COMMUNICATION;

19 (e) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A PHASED  
20 OUTCOME MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PERFORMANCE-BASED  
21 CONTRACTS THAT INCLUDES BASELINE DATA DEVELOPMENT,  
22 ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE METRICS, AND CLIENT-CENTERED  
23 OUTCOME MEASURES THAT ALIGN METRICS ACROSS THE STATE  
24 DEPARTMENTS AND SUPPORT A TRANSITION TOWARD HOLISTIC,  
25 FAMILY-CENTERED OUTCOMES RELATED TO STABILITY, ACCESS, AND  
26 WELL-BEING;

27 (f) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DESIGN AND

1 IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC REPORTING FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING  
2 TIMELY PUBLICATION OF COHORT AND STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE DATA,  
3 AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DATA TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE,  
4 THE JOINT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE SENATE HEALTH AND  
6 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES;

7 (g) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON FISCAL MODELING,  
8 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL LAW, FOR AN  
9 INTEGRATED ALLOCATION COMMITTEE THAT INCLUDES:

10 (I) A BALANCED MEMBERSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE  
11 AGENCIES, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE FAMILY  
12 VOICE COUNCIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND  
13 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE;

14 (II) ALIGNMENT AND INTEGRATION OF EXISTING ALLOCATION  
15 COMMITTEES AND CURRENT STRUCTURES FOR ALLOCATING AVAILABLE  
16 FUNDING IN EACH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO A SINGLE INTEGRATED  
17 ALLOCATION COMMITTEE;

18 (III) A GOVERNANCE AND VOTING STRUCTURE FOR  
19 DECISION-MAKING; AND

20 (IV) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INTEGRATED  
21 ALLOCATION COMMITTEE, INCLUDING ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE  
22 FUNDING BASED UPON:

23 (A) DATA METRICS RELATED TO COMMUNITY NEED; AND

24 (B) SPENDING PRIORITIES BASED ON AVAILABLE ALLOCATIONS AND  
25 THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(e) OF  
26 THIS SECTION; AND

27 (h) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTEGRATION OF CURRENT

1 RULE-MAKING STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES ACROSS STATE DEPARTMENTS,  
2 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL LAW.

3 **26-1-808. State cross-departmental policy alignment team.**

4 (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE STATE  
5 CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL POLICY ALIGNMENT TEAM.

6 (2) THE TEAM CONSISTS OF STAFF DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
7 DIRECTORS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENTS. THE STAFF DESIGNATED  
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) MUST HAVE SUBJECT MATTER  
9 EXPERTISE ON THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND DECISION-MAKING  
10 AUTHORITY RELATED TO POLICY AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

11 (3) THE TEAM SHALL:

12 (a) FOCUS ON ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
13 POLICIES TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY AND OUTCOMES FOR  
14 COLORADANS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
15 ACCESSING MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;

16 (b) ANALYZE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL POLICIES CONCERNING  
17 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING  
18 THE IMPACTS OF THOSE POLICIES ON OTHER PROGRAMS AND ON  
19 ALLOCATIONS OF AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
20 PROGRAMS;

21 (c) CREATE EVIDENCE-BASED ALIGNED AND STANDARDIZED  
22 POLICY GUIDANCE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
23 PROGRAMS THAT ENABLES ADMINISTRATIVE UNIFORMITY AND  
24 CONSISTENCY TO THE EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW;

25 (d) ANNUALLY REVIEW THE INTERNAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
26 UTILIZED BY THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS PROGRESS  
27 TOWARD ESTABLISHED GOALS AND OUTCOMES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT

1 LIMITED TO:

2 (I) REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN;

3 (II) IMPROVING COST EFFICIENCY;

4 (III) DECREASING THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE BUT NOT ENROLLED

5 INDIVIDUALS;

6 (IV) EVALUATING BENEFIT AMOUNTS;

7 (V) ASSESSING PARTICIPANT DIRECT SERVICES; AND

8 (VI) MEASURING COUNTY AND PROGRAM PARTNER PERFORMANCE

9 OUTCOMES IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT;

10 (e) ANALYZE THE IMPACT OF AND OVERSEE THE ALIGNMENT OF

11 SIGNIFICANT POLICY OR PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES TO THE

12 ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

13 (f) CREATE A PROCESS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS TO

14 COORDINATE ALIGNED IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GUIDANCE AND

15 OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR COUNTIES, AS WELL AS COORDINATE BUDGET

16 REQUESTS ACROSS STATE DEPARTMENTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION; AND

17 (g) SUBMIT QUARTERLY REPORTS TO RELEVANT STATE BOARDS

18 AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS THAT INCLUDE A

19 SUMMARY OF POLICY ITEMS DISCUSSED AND EVIDENCE-BASED DECISIONS

20 MADE TO DATE.

21 (4) THE TEAM SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE

22 DEPARTMENTS CONCERNING ITS FINDINGS REGARDING THE ITEMS LISTED

23 IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION DIMINISHES EXISTING RULE-MAKING

25 AUTHORITY OR ROLE OF BOARDS OR THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-307, **amend**

27 (1)(b)(I) and (1)(b)(V) introductory portion as follows:



1       bureaus, or other agencies of the state or any of its political subdivisions,  
2       and the same are authorized to provide, ~~such~~ THE assistance and data as  
3       will enable the state department, ~~and~~ county departments, AND THE  
4       COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A  
5       CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-  
6       209 TO properly ~~to~~ carry out their powers and duties to locate and  
7       prosecute A person who has fraudulently obtained medical assistance  
8       under this title. ~~Any~~ Records established pursuant to the provisions of this  
9       section ~~shall be~~ ARE available only to the state department, the department  
10      of human services, the county departments, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED  
11      WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
12      INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, the attorney  
13      general, and the district attorneys, county attorneys, and courts having  
14      jurisdiction in fraud or recovery proceedings or actions.

15               (2) (a) All departments and agencies of the state and local  
16      governments shall cooperate in the location and prosecution of ~~any~~ A  
17      person who has fraudulently obtained medical assistance under this title,  
18      and, on request of the county board, the county director, the state  
19      department, or the district attorney of any judicial district in this state,  
20      shall supply all information on hand relative to the location, employment,  
21      income, and property of ~~such~~ THE persons, notwithstanding any other  
22      provision of law making such information confidential, except the laws  
23      pertaining to confidentiality of any tax returns filed pursuant to law with  
24      the department of revenue. The department of revenue shall furnish at no  
25      cost to inquiring departments and agencies ~~such~~ information as may be  
26      necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article. The procedures  
27      ~~whereby this information will be requested and provided shall~~ USED TO

1 REQUEST AND PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION MUST be established by rule of  
2 the state department. The state department or county departments shall  
3 use ~~such~~ THE information only for the purposes of administering medical  
4 assistance under this title, and the district attorney shall use it only for the  
5 prosecution of persons who have fraudulently obtained medical assistance  
6 under this title, and shall not use the information, or disclose it, for any  
7 other purpose. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL UTILIZE THE CENTRALIZED  
8 MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES PROCESS, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 25.5-1-209, TO CONDUCT FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING MEMBER  
10 ELIGIBILITY IN THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

11 (b) (I) Whenever the state department, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED  
12 WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
13 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, or a district  
14 attorney for the state department, or the state department on behalf of a  
15 county department, recovers any amount of fraudulently obtained medical  
16 assistance funds, the federal government ~~shall be~~ IS entitled to a share  
17 proportionate to the amount of federal funds paid unless a different  
18 amount is otherwise provided by federal law, the state ~~shall be~~ IS entitled  
19 to a share proportionate to the amount of state funds paid and such  
20 additional amounts of federal funds recovered as provided by federal law  
21 and the county department shall be entitled to a share proportionate to the  
22 amount of county funds paid unless a different amount is provided  
23 pursuant to federal law or this section.

24 (II) (A) Whenever a county department, a county board, a district  
25 attorney, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO  
26 ADMINISTER A CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
27 SECTION 25.5-1-209, or a state department on behalf of a county

1 department recovers any amount of fraudulently obtained public  
2 assistance funds in the form of assistance payments, it ~~shall~~ MUST be  
3 deposited in the county social services fund, UNTIL THE COUNTY HAS  
4 FULLY TRANSITIONED TO UTILIZING THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
5 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209 AT WHICH POINT THE COUNTY  
6 MUST NOTIFY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE FULL TRANSITION AND  
7 FUND MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED  
8 TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED  
9 IN SECTION 25.5-1-209. ~~and the~~ The federal government is entitled to a  
10 share proportionate to the amount of federal funds paid, unless a different  
11 amount is provided for by federal law, the state is entitled to a share  
12 proportionate to one-half the amount of state funds paid, and the county  
13 is entitled to a share proportionate to the amount of county funds paid  
14 and, in addition, a share proportionate to one-half the amount of state  
15 funds paid.

16 (B) Whenever a county department, a county board, a district  
17 attorney, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO  
18 ADMINISTER A CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 25.5-1-209, or a state department on behalf of a county  
20 department recovers any amount of fraudulently obtained medical  
21 assistance, it shall be deposited in the county social services fund, UNTIL  
22 THE COUNTY HAS FULLY TRANSITIONED TO UTILIZING THE CENTRALIZED  
23 MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209 AT WHICH  
24 POINT THE COUNTY MUST NOTIFY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE FULL  
25 TRANSITION AND FUND MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER  
26 TO BE CREDITED TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH  
27 FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209. ~~and the~~ The federal government

1 is entitled to a share proportionate to the amount of federal funds paid,  
2 unless a different amount is provided for by federal law, and the county  
3 is entitled to the remaining funds.

4 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
5 2028.

6 (III) (A) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2028, WHENEVER A COUNTY  
7 DEPARTMENT, A COUNTY BOARD, A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE COUNTY  
8 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A  
9 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-  
10 209, OR A STATE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
11 RECOVERS ANY AMOUNT OF FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED PUBLIC  
12 ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE FORM OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS, IT SHALL BE  
13 TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED TO THE  
14 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED IN  
15 SECTION 25.5-1-209. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ENTITLED TO A SHARE  
16 PROPORTIONATE TO THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS PAID, UNLESS A  
17 DIFFERENT AMOUNT IS PROVIDED FOR BY FEDERAL LAW, THE STATE IS  
18 ENTITLED TO A SHARE PROPORTIONATE TO ONE-HALF THE AMOUNT OF  
19 STATE FUNDS PAID, AND THE COUNTY IS ENTITLED TO A SHARE  
20 PROPORTIONATE TO THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY FUNDS PAID AND, IN  
21 ADDITION, A SHARE PROPORTIONATE TO ONE-HALF THE AMOUNT OF STATE  
22 FUNDS PAID.

23 (B) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2028, WHENEVER A COUNTY DEPARTMENT,  
24 A COUNTY BOARD, A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED  
25 WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
26 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, OR A STATE  
27 DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT RECOVERS ANY

1 AMOUNT OF FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, IT SHALL BE  
2 IT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED TO  
3 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED IN  
4 SECTION 25.5-1-209. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ENTITLED TO A SHARE  
5 PROPORTIONATE TO THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS PAID, UNLESS A  
6 DIFFERENT AMOUNT IS PROVIDED FOR BY FEDERAL LAW, AND THE COUNTY  
7 IS ENTITLED TO THE REMAINING FUNDS.

8 (3) ~~Whenever a county department, a county board, a district~~  
9 ~~attorney, or the state department on behalf of the county recovers any~~  
10 ~~amount of medical assistance payments that were obtained through~~  
11 ~~unintentional member error, the federal government is entitled to a share~~  
12 ~~proportionate to the amount of federal funds paid, unless a different~~  
13 ~~amount is provided for by federal law; the state is entitled to a share~~  
14 ~~proportionate to seventy-five percent of the amount of state funds paid;~~  
15 ~~and the county is entitled to a share proportionate to the amount of county~~  
16 ~~funds paid, if any, and, in addition, a share proportionate to twenty-five~~  
17 ~~percent of the amount of state funds paid.~~

18 (4) ~~Actual costs and expenses incurred by the district attorney's~~  
19 ~~office in carrying out the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall~~  
20 ~~be billed to counties or a county within the judicial district in the~~  
21 ~~proportions specified in section 20-1-302, C.R.S. Each county shall make~~  
22 ~~an annual accounting to the state department on all amounts recovered.~~

23 (5) THE STATE PORTION OF THE MONEY RECOUPED BY THE STATE  
24 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE DEPOSITED INTO THE  
25 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED IN  
26 SECTION 25.5-1-209.

27 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-1-118, **amend**

1 (1); and **repeal** (3) as follows:

2 **25.5-1-118. Duties of county departments.**

3 (1) The county departments or other state designated agencies,  
4 where applicable, shall serve as agents of the state department and NO  
5 LATER THAN JULY 1, 2028, shall ~~be charged with the~~ UTILIZE THE  
6 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES PROCESS, ESTABLISHED IN  
7 SECTION 25.5-1-209, FOR THE administration of medical assistance and  
8 related activities in the respective counties in accordance with the rules  
9 of the state department.

10 (3) ~~The county department or other state designated agencies,~~  
11 ~~where applicable, in each county shall submit quarterly and annually to~~  
12 ~~the board of county commissioners a budget containing an estimate and~~  
13 ~~supporting data setting forth the amount of money needed to carry out the~~  
14 ~~provisions of this title.~~

15 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-1-121, **amend**  
16 (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

17 **25.5-1-121. County expenditures - advancements - procedures.**

18 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the county  
19 department may spend in excess of twenty percent of actual costs for the  
20 purpose of matching federal funds for the administration of the child  
21 support enforcement program or for the administrative costs of activities  
22 involving food stamp, public assistance. ~~or medical assistance fraud~~  
23 ~~investigations or prosecutions.~~

24 (4) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE EXPENDITURES THAT  
25 ARE DUPLICATIVE OF COSTS COVERED BY THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
26 INTEGRITY SERVICE PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209 OR  
27 SHARED SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-1-802.

1           **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25.5-1-137** as  
2 follows:

3           **25.5-1-137. State income tax refund offset - rules.**

4           (1) (a) AT ANY TIME PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 REVENUE, BUT NOT LESS FREQUENTLY THAN ANNUALLY, THE STATE  
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
7 INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONS WHO ARE OBLIGATED TO THE STATE  
8 FOR OVERPAYMENT OF BENEFITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 THROUGH 6 OF  
9 TITLE 25.5. THE INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE CERTIFICATION OF THE  
10 AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY FINAL  
11 AGENCY ACTION OR HAS BEEN ORDERED BY A COURT AS RESTITUTION OR  
12 HAS BEEN REDUCED TO JUDGMENT.

13           (b) THE INFORMATION MUST ALSO INCLUDE THE NAME AND THE  
14 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE PERSON OBLIGATED TO THE STATE FOR  
15 THE OVERPAYMENT, THE AMOUNT OF SAME, AND ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING  
16 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

17           (2) AS A CONDITION OF CERTIFYING AN OVERPAYMENT TO THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
19 SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT THE OBLIGATED  
20 PERSON HAS BEEN AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONFERENCE AT  
21 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT LEVEL, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN APPEAL  
22 TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-4-207. IN  
23 ADDITION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, PRIOR TO FINAL CERTIFICATION OF  
24 THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MUST NOTIFY THE OBLIGATED PERSON, IN  
26 WRITING, AT HIS LAST-KNOWN ADDRESS, THAT THE STATE INTENDS TO  
27 REFER THE PERSON'S NAME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN AN

1 ATTEMPT TO OFFSET THE OBLIGATION AGAINST THE PERSON'S STATE  
2 INCOME TAX REFUND. THE NOTIFICATION MUST INFORM THE OBLIGATED  
3 PERSON OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE COUNTY  
4 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-4-207, OR THE COUNTY  
5 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A  
6 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 25.5-1-209, AND OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN APPEAL TO THE STATE  
8 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-4-207. IN ADDITION, THE  
9 NOTICE SHALL SPECIFY ISSUES THAT MAY BE RAISED AT AN EVIDENTIARY  
10 CONFERENCE OR ON APPEAL, AS PROVIDED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2), BY  
11 THE OBLIGATED PERSON IN OBJECTING TO THE OFFSET AND MUST SPECIFY  
12 THAT THE OBLIGATED PERSON MAY NOT OBJECT TO THE FACT THAT AN  
13 OVERPAYMENT OCCURRED. A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A NOTICE  
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL REQUEST, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS  
15 FROM THE DATE SUCH NOTICE WAS MAILED, AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW  
16 OR EVIDENTIARY CONFERENCE, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

17 (3) UPON NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF  
18 AMOUNTS DEPOSITED WITH THE STATE TREASURER PURSUANT TO SECTION  
19 39-21-108, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE  
20 AMOUNT DEPOSITED IS RELATED TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
21 SERVICE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209. IF THE AMOUNT IS NOT  
22 RELATED TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE, THE STATE  
23 DEPARTMENT SHALL DISBURSE THE AMOUNTS TO THE APPROPRIATE  
24 COUNTY FOR PROCESSING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR  
25 LOCAL AGENCY TO WHOM THE PERSON IS OBLIGATED. IF THE AMOUNT IS  
26 RELATED TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE, THE COUNTY  
27 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE

1 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES PROCESS PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 25.5-1-209, SHALL DETERMINE THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL  
3 AGENCY TO WHOM THE PERSON IS OBLIGATED AND THE STATE  
4 DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY TO THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR  
5 LOCAL AGENCY TO WHOM THE PERSON IS OBLIGATED.

6 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND  
7 REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, ESTABLISHING  
8 PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

9 (5) FOR A PROGRAM THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE CENTRALIZED  
10 MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209, THE  
11 HOME ADDRESSES AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF PERSONS SUBJECT  
12 TO THE INCOME TAX REFUND OFFSET, PROVIDED TO THE STATE  
13 DEPARTMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MUST BE SENT TO THE  
14 RESPECTIVE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES. FOR  
15 A PROGRAM THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
16 SERVICE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209, THE HOME ADDRESSES AND  
17 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE INCOME TAX  
18 REFUND OFFSET, PROVIDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MUST BE SENT TO THE COUNTY CONTRACTED  
20 WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
21 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209.

22 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-204, **add** (4)  
23 as follows:

24 **25.5-4-204. Automated medical assistance administration.**

25 (4) COUNTY-LEVEL FRAUD FUNCTIONS MUST BE ADMINISTERED  
26 USING THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN  
27 SECTION 25.5-1-209 OR SHARED SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-1-

1 802.

2 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-112, **amend**  
3 (2)(b)(II) and (3)(a) as follows:

4 **26-1-112. Locating violators - recoveries.**

5 (2) (b) (II) (A) Whenever a county department, a county board,  
6 COUNTY DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO  
7 ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
8 SECTION 25.5-1-209, a district attorney, or a state department on behalf of  
9 a county department recovers any amount of fraudulently obtained public  
10 assistance funds in the form of assistance payments, it shall be deposited  
11 in the county general fund UNTIL THE COUNTY HAS FULLY TRANSITIONED  
12 TO UTILIZING THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT  
13 TO SECTION 25.5-1-209 AT WHICH POINT THE COUNTY MUST NOTIFY THE  
14 STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE FULL TRANSITION AND FUND MUST BE  
15 TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED TO THE  
16 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED IN  
17 SECTION 25.5-1-209. ~~and the~~ THE federal government ~~shall be~~ IS entitled  
18 to a share proportionate to the amount of federal funds paid unless a  
19 different amount is provided for by federal law, the state ~~shall be~~ IS  
20 entitled to a share proportionate to one-half the amount of state funds  
21 paid, and the county CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO  
22 ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
23 SECTION 25.5-1-209, ~~shall be~~ IS entitled to a share proportionate to the  
24 amount of county funds paid and, in addition, a share proportionate to  
25 one-half the amount of state funds paid. In the case of funds recovered  
26 from fraudulently obtained food stamp coupons by the county department  
27 OR A COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER

1 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES PROCESS PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 25.5-1-209, the county board, the district attorney, or the state  
3 department ~~on behalf of a county department~~, the county ~~shall be~~ is  
4 entitled to the share of the recovered funds provided by the federal "Food  
5 Stamp Act" UNTIL THE COUNTY HAS FULLY TRANSITIONED TO UTILIZING  
6 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 25.5-1-209 AT WHICH POINT THE COUNTY MUST NOTIFY THE STATE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF THE FULL TRANSITION AND FUND MUST BE TRANSFERRED  
9 TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
10 INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209.

11 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
12 2028.

13 (III) Whenever a county department, a county board, COUNTY  
14 DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER  
15 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
16 25.5-1-209, a district attorney, or a state department on behalf of a county  
17 department recovers any amount of fraudulently obtained public  
18 assistance funds in the form of assistance payments, it shall BE  
19 TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE CREDITED TO THE  
20 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND, CREATED IN  
21 SECTION 25.5-1-209. THE federal government IS entitled to a share  
22 proportionate to the amount of federal funds paid unless a different  
23 amount is provided for by federal law, the state ~~shall be~~ IS entitled to a  
24 share proportionate to one-half the amount of state funds paid, and the  
25 county CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
26 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
27 25.5-1-209, IS entitled to a share proportionate to the amount of county

1 funds paid and, in addition, a share proportionate to one-half the amount  
2 of state funds paid. In the case of funds recovered from fraudulently  
3 obtained food stamp coupons by the county department OR A COUNTY  
4 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
5 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES PROCESS PURSUANT TO  
6 SECTION 25.5-1-209, IT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE TREASURER  
7 TO BE CREDITED TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH  
8 FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209.

9 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-118, **amend**  
10 (1)(a), (6), and (7) as follows:

11 **26-1-118. Duties of county departments, county directors, and**  
12 **district attorneys.**

13 (1) (a) The county departments or other state designated agencies,  
14 where applicable, ~~shall~~ serve as agents of the state department and are  
15 charged with the administration of public assistance, and welfare and  
16 related activities in the respective counties in accordance with the rules  
17 of the state department. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, THE COUNTY  
18 DEPARTMENTS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
19 INTEGRITY SERVICE, ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209, AND SHARED  
20 SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-1-802, TO ENSURE EFFICIENT AND  
21 CONSISTENT ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND  
22 RELATED ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THIS STATE.

23 (6) The county department OR THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH  
24 THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
25 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, shall report, to the  
26 district attorney monthly, data relating to fraudulent activities covering,  
27 as a minimum, the activities specified in ~~paragraphs (a), (b), and (d)~~ of

1 ~~this subsection (6)~~, SUBSECTIONS (6)(a), (6)(b), AND (6)(d) OF THIS  
2 SECTION, and the district attorney shall likewise report, monthly to the  
3 county department, OR THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE  
4 DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
5 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, the data specified in  
6 ~~paragraph (c) of this subsection (6)~~, SUBSECTION (6)(c) OF THIS SECTION,  
7 as follows when applicable:

8 (7) The counties may prepare and issue to all payees, excluding  
9 heads of households in nonpublic assistance food stamp cases, at the time  
10 of delivery of any public assistance, a hermetically sealed photo  
11 identification card which is manufactured in such a secure manner as to  
12 resist duplication or intrusion and containing the full name, a card  
13 identification number, and any other data which would ensure proper  
14 identification. A county department OR THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH  
15 THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
16 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, shall refer to the  
17 appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation, within ten working  
18 days after discovery, any information it may have concerning the  
19 improper use of a photo identification card by a person not eligible to  
20 possess such card.

21 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-122, **amend**  
22 (3)(c), (4)(i), and (6)(c) as follows:

23 **26-1-122. County appropriations and expenditures -**  
24 **advancements - procedures.**

25 (3) (c) For purposes of this article, and except as otherwise  
26 provided in subsection (6) of this section, under rules of the state  
27 department, administrative costs ~~shall~~ include: Salaries of the county

1 director and employees of the county department staff engaged in the  
2 performance of assistance payments, food stamps, and social services  
3 activities; the county's payments on behalf of such employees for old age  
4 and survivors' insurance or pursuant to a county officers' and employees'  
5 retirement plan and for any health insurance plan, if approved by the state  
6 department; the necessary travel expenses of the county board and the  
7 administrative staff of the county department in the performance of their  
8 duties; necessary telephone and telegraph; necessary equipment and  
9 supplies; necessary payments for postage and printing, including the  
10 printing and preparation of county warrants required for the  
11 administration of the county department; and such other administrative  
12 costs as may be approved by the state department; but advancements for  
13 office space, utilities, and fixtures may be made from state funds only if  
14 federal matching funds are available. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DO NOT  
15 INCLUDE EXPENDITURES THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF COSTS COVERED BY  
16 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
17 25.5-1-209 AND SHARED SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-1-802.

18 (4) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the  
19 county department may receive and spend federal funds to which it is  
20 entitled by reason of the county's expenditures in excess of the twenty  
21 percent required by subsection (1) of this section for any social services  
22 activity that has been approved by the department as an activity that is  
23 eligible for reimbursement under any federal program. Acceptance and  
24 expenditure of such federal funds shall in no way affect the state's share  
25 of and contribution to such payments, and the county ~~shall be~~ IS solely  
26 responsible for the provision of the nonfederal share that is in excess of  
27 the twenty percent. EXPENDITURES THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF COSTS

1 COVERED BY THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE ESTABLISHED  
2 IN SECTION 25.5-1-209 AND SHARED SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-  
3 1-802, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE REIMBURSEMENT.

4 (6) (c) The state department shall establish rules concerning what  
5 constitutes administrative costs and program costs for the Colorado works  
6 program. The executive director of the department of early childhood, in  
7 coordination with county departments, shall establish rules concerning  
8 what constitutes administrative costs and program costs for the Colorado  
9 child care assistance program. The state treasurer shall make  
10 advancements to county departments for the costs of administering the  
11 Colorado works program and the Colorado child care assistance program  
12 from funds appropriated or made available for such purpose, upon  
13 authorization of the department of early childhood or the state  
14 department, as applicable; except that in no event shall the department of  
15 early childhood or the state department authorize expenditures greater  
16 than the annual appropriation by the general assembly for such  
17 administrative costs of the county departments. As funds are advanced,  
18 adjustment ~~shall~~ MUST be made from subsequent monthly payments for  
19 those purposes. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE EXPENDITURES  
20 THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF COSTS COVERED BY THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
21 INTEGRITY SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209 AND SHARED  
22 SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-1-802, AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR  
23 FEDERAL OR STATE REIMBURSEMENT.

24 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-107, **amend**  
25 (1)(c) and (2) as follows:

26 **26-2-107. Verification - record.**

27 (1) (c) Within ten working days after a discrepancy relating to a

1 fraudulent or suspected fraudulent act affecting eligibility is discovered,  
2 it shall be referred to the appropriate investigatory agency for  
3 investigation. The investigatory agency shall take action within thirty days  
4 following receipt of the information from the county department or the  
5 COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
6 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
7 25.5-1-209.

8 (2) The county department, COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE  
9 STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
10 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, the state  
11 department, and the officers and authorized employees of each may  
12 conduct visits to the home of the applicant at reasonable times, make  
13 investigations and require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and  
14 the production of books, records, and papers by subpoena, and make  
15 application to the district court to compel and enforce such attendance  
16 and testimony of witnesses and the production of such books, records,  
17 and papers. Officers and employees designated by the county department,  
18 COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
19 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
20 25.5-1-209, or the state department may administer oaths and  
21 affirmations.

22 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-133, **amend**  
23 (3) and (5) as follows:

24 **26-2-133. State income tax refund offset - rules.**

25 (3) Upon notification by the department of revenue of amounts  
26 deposited with the state treasurer pursuant to section 39-21-108, ~~C.R.S.~~,  
27 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE AMOUNT

1 DEPOSITED IS RELATED TO A CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE,  
2 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209. IF THE AMOUNT IS NOT RELATED TO A  
3 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE, the state department shall  
4 disburse such amounts to the appropriate county for processing for  
5 distribution to the federal, state, or local agency to whom the person is  
6 obligated. IF THE AMOUNT IS RELATED TO A CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
7 INTEGRITY SERVICE, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE  
8 DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
9 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, SHALL DETERMINE THE  
10 FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY TO WHOM THE PERSON IS OBLIGATED  
11 AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY TO THE  
12 FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY TO WHOM THE PERSON IS OBLIGATED.

13 (5) FOR A PROGRAM THAT IS NOT A CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
14 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, the home  
15 addresses and social security numbers of persons subject to the income  
16 tax refund offset, provided to the state department by the department of  
17 revenue, must be sent to the respective county department of human or  
18 social services. FOR A PROGRAM THAT IS A CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
19 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, THE HOME  
20 ADDRESSES AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE  
21 INCOME TAX REFUND OFFSET, PROVIDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY  
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MUST BE SENT TO THE COUNTY  
23 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
24 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
25 25.5-1-209.

26 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-4-103, **amend**  
27 (3) as follows:

1           **26.5-4-103. Definitions.**

2           As used in this part 1, unless the context otherwise requires:

3           (3) "County department" means the county or district department  
4 of human or social services, OR, FOR FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
5 ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
6 SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209, THE COUNTY CONTRACTED  
7 WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
8 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209.

9           **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26.5-4-106, **amend**  
10 (2)(d) and (2)(e) as follows:

11           **26.5-4-106. Applications for child care assistance -**  
12 **applications for child care employees - verification - award - not**  
13 **assignable - limitation - rules.**

14           (2) (d) Within ten working days after the county department  
15 discovers a discrepancy relating to a fraudulent or suspected fraudulent  
16 act affecting eligibility, the county department shall refer the matter to the  
17 appropriate investigatory agency, INCLUDING A COUNTY OR THE COUNTY  
18 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
19 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
20 25.5-1-209 for investigation. The investigatory agency, WHICH MAY BE  
21 THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER  
22 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
23 25.5-1-209 shall take action within thirty days following receipt of the  
24 information from the county department.

25           (e) The county department, the department, COUNTY CONTRACTED  
26 WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
27 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, and the officers

1 and authorized employees of each may conduct visits to the home of the  
2 applicant at reasonable times, make investigations and require the  
3 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books,  
4 records, and papers by subpoena, and make application to the district  
5 court to compel and enforce such attendance and testimony of witnesses  
6 and the production of such books, records, and papers. Officers and  
7 employees designated by the ~~county department~~ or the department OR THE  
8 COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
9 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
10 25.5-1-209 may administer oaths and affirmations.

11 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26.5-4-116  
12 as follows:

13 **26.5-4-116. Recovery from recipient - estate.**

14 (1) (a) If, at any time during the continuance of child care  
15 assistance, the recipient becomes possessed of property having a value in  
16 excess of that amount set pursuant to the provisions of section 26.5-4-106  
17 (4) and department rules or receives any increase in income, the recipient  
18 shall notify the county department of the possession of the property or  
19 receipt of the income, and the county department may either terminate the  
20 child care assistance or alter the amount of child care assistance in  
21 accordance with the circumstances and department rules.

22 (b) To the extent not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law,  
23 if the recipient is found to have committed an intentional program  
24 violation, the recipient is disqualified from participation in CCCAP for  
25 twelve months for the first incident, twenty-four months for a second  
26 incident, and permanently for a third or subsequent incident. This  
27 disqualification is mandatory and is in addition to any other penalty

1 imposed by law.

2 (c) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section,  
3 any previously provided excess child care assistance to which the  
4 recipient was not entitled is recoverable by the county, ~~as a debt due~~ OR  
5 BY THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO  
6 ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICES PROCESS  
7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, AS A DEBT OWED. IF THE DEBT OWED  
8 IS DUE TO FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE OR  
9 FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED OVERPAYMENTS OF CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE,  
10 THE RECOVERY OF THE DEBT MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE CENTRALIZED  
11 MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-1-209  
12 AND THE COUNTY IN A PROPORTION DETERMINED IN DEPARTMENT RULE.  
13 IF THE DEBT OWED IS DUE TO EXCESS CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PAID FOR  
14 WHICH THE RECIPIENT WAS INELIGIBLE BUT WAS NOT FRAUDULENTLY  
15 OBTAINED, THE RECOVERY OF THAT DEBT MUST BE DISTRIBUTED to the  
16 state and the county in proportion to the amount of child care assistance  
17 paid by each respectively. ~~except that~~ ON AN AMOUNT OF CHILD CARE  
18 ASSISTANCE FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED, interest ~~is~~ MUST BE charged and  
19 paid to the county department, OR OF THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE  
20 STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER  
21 INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, ~~on any sum~~  
22 ~~fraudulently obtained~~, calculated at the legal rate and calculated from the  
23 date the sum was paid to a provider on behalf of the recipient to the date  
24 the sum is recovered.

25 (d) If the debt for fraudulently obtained child care assistance,  
26 fraudulently obtained overpayments of child care assistance, or excess  
27 child care assistance paid for which the recipient was ineligible has been

1 reduced to a judgment in a court of record in this state, the county  
2 department, OR OF THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE  
3 DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
4 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, may seek a continuing  
5 garnishment to collect the debt under article 54.5 of title 13.

6 (2) If, upon the death or mental incompetency of any recipient, the  
7 inventory of the recipient's estate shows assets in excess of the amount  
8 that the recipient was allowed to have in order to receive child care  
9 assistance, or if it be shown that the recipient was otherwise ineligible for  
10 child care assistance, then the claim of the county, OR OF THE COUNTY  
11 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
12 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
13 25.5-1-209, and state for the excess child care assistance paid for which  
14 the recipient was ineligible, if filed as required by section 15-12-804, has  
15 priority as a debt given preference under section 15-12-805 (1)(f.7).

16 (3) When a recipient was ineligible for child care assistance solely  
17 because of property in excess of that permitted by department rules  
18 pursuant to section 26.5-4-106 (4), the amount for which the recipient is  
19 liable is the amount by which the property exceeded the amount allowable  
20 under ~~said~~ THE rules or the total amount of child care assistance received,  
21 whichever is the lesser amount. Except as provided in subsection (4) of  
22 this section, actions for the recovery of these sums must be prosecuted by  
23 the county department, COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE  
24 DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
25 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, or the department in a court  
26 of record that has jurisdiction.

27 (4) The department and a county department, OR COUNTY

1 CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
2 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 25.5-1-209, may elect not to attempt recovery of an overpayment of child  
4 care assistance from an individual who is no longer receiving public  
5 assistance or child care assistance if the overpayment amount is less than  
6 thirty-five dollars. If the overpayment amount owed by an individual who  
7 is no longer receiving public assistance or child care assistance is  
8 thirty-five dollars or more, the department and the county department, OR  
9 COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE  
10 CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 25.5-1-209, may determine, consistent with the six-year time limitation  
12 for the execution on judgments involving state debt, that it is no longer  
13 cost-effective to continue to pursue recovery of the overpayment.

14 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26.5-4-117  
15 as follows:

16 **26.5-4-117. Locating violators - recoveries.**

17 (1) The executive director or district attorneys may request and  
18 receive from departments, boards, bureaus, or other agencies of the state  
19 or any of its political subdivisions, and the same are required to provide,  
20 ~~such~~ assistance and data as will enable the department and county  
21 departments, OR COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO  
22 ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
23 SECTION 25.5-1-209, properly to carry out their powers and duties to  
24 locate and prosecute any person who fraudulently obtains child care  
25 assistance pursuant to this part 1. Any records established pursuant to the  
26 provisions of this section are available only to the department, the county  
27 departments OR COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO

1 ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 25.5-1-209, the attorney general, and the district attorneys,  
3 county attorneys, and courts having jurisdiction in fraud or recovery  
4 proceedings or actions.

5 (2) All departments and agencies of the state and local  
6 governments shall cooperate in the location and prosecution of a person  
7 who fraudulently obtains child care assistance pursuant to this part 1, and,  
8 on request of the county or district board of human or social services, the  
9 county director, the department, or the district attorney of any judicial  
10 district in this state, shall supply all information on hand relative to the  
11 location, employment, income, and property of said persons,  
12 notwithstanding any other provision of law making the information  
13 confidential, except the laws pertaining to confidentiality of tax returns  
14 filed pursuant to law with the department of revenue. The department of  
15 revenue shall furnish at no cost to inquiring departments and agencies  
16 such information as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this  
17 part 1. The executive director shall, by rule, establish the procedures  
18 whereby this information is requested and provided. The department or  
19 county departments, OR COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE  
20 DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY  
21 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-1-209, shall use ~~such~~ THE  
22 information only for the purposes of administering the Colorado child  
23 care assistance program pursuant to this part 1, and a district attorney  
24 shall use it only for the prosecution of persons who fraudulently obtain  
25 child care assistance pursuant to this part 1, and shall not use the  
26 information, or disclose it, for any other purpose.

27 (3) A district attorney shall bill the actual costs and expenses

1 incurred by the district attorney's office in carrying out the provisions of  
2 subsection (2) of this section to counties or a county within the judicial  
3 district in the proportions specified in section 20-1-302. Each county, OR  
4 THE COUNTY CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER  
5 THE CENTRALIZED MEMBER INTEGRITY SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
6 25.5-1-209, shall make an annual accounting to the department on all  
7 amounts recovered.

8           **SECTION 22. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
11 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
12 institutions.