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STATE OF COLORADO

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**HOUSE BILL**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR DISPROPORTIONATELY**  
102 **IMPACTED COMMUNITIES.**

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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>.)*

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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