

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB23-002 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 3 insert:
 - 2 "(a) The American Public Health Association defines "community health worker" as a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of, and has a close understanding of, the community that worker serves. This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison between health and social services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. "Community health worker" is meant to be an umbrella term for individuals who may go by many names, such as health promoters, community outreach workers, promotores de salud, health navigators, and patient navigators.".
- 11 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 12 Page 3, line 21, after the period add "Community health worker interventions improve patient self-efficacy, quality of life, adherence to medical care, and satisfaction with care for individuals with kidney failure.".
- 16 Page 3, after line 24 insert:
 - 17 "(j) Community health workers include violence prevention professionals who may be employed by hospital-based violence intervention programs. These workers identify and target risk factors of violence, then link program participants with hospital and community-based resources. The rate of hospital readmission for participants who engaged in these programs was reduced by 50 percent, with an accrued savings of \$32,000, a tenfold reduction.".
- 24 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 25 Page 5, line 3, strike "MENTAL," and substitute "BEHAVIORAL,".
- 26 Page 5, line 4, strike "COMBAT" and substitute "ADDRESS".
- 27 Page 5, line 5, strike "COMPETENCE" and substitute "RESPONSIVENESS".
- 28 Page 5, line 6, strike "THIS TERM MAY INCLUDE HEALTH".
- 29 Page 5, strike lines 7 and 8.
- 30 Page 5, line 14, after "HEALTH NAVIGATION," insert "TRANSITIONS OF CARE SUPPORTS,".

- 1 Page 5, line 15, strike "ASSESSMENT," and substitute "ASSESSMENT FOR
- 2 NONCLINICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS,".
- 3 Page 5, line 21, after "WORKERS," insert "REPRESENTATIVES FROM A
- 4 STATEWIDE GROUP REPRESENTING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS,".
- 5 Page 5, line 23, strike "A REPRESENTATIVE OF A" and substitute
- 6 "REPRESENTATIVES FROM".
- 7 Page 5, line 25, strike "PROGRAM FOR HEALTH NAVIGATORS," and
- 8 substitute "PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH NAVIGATORS AND COMMUNITY
- 9 HEALTH WORKERS,".
- 10 Page 6, strike line 10 through 12 and substitute:
11 "(d) A PATIENT SAFETY MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES AND
- 12 GRIEVANCE PROCESS;".
- 13 Page 6, line 19 and 20, strike "PAYMENT MODEL" and substitute
- 14 "MANAGED CARE OR VALUES-BASED PAYMENT MODELS".
- 15 Page 6, line 21, strike "FUTURE THAT" and substitute "FUTURE;".
- 16 Page 6, strike lines 22 and 23.
- 17 Page 6, before line 24 insert:
18 "(h) NEW PROVIDER TYPES THAT COULD FACILITATE COMMUNITY
- 19 HEALTH WORKER SERVICES OUTSIDE OF TRADITIONAL HEALTH-CARE
- 20 SETTINGS, SUCH AS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; AND".
- 21 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.
- 22 Page 7, after line 3 insert:
23 "(4) IN CONSIDERATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE EXPANSION
- 24 OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WORKFORCE, THE COLORADO
- 25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO
- 26 PARTNER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND STAKEHOLDERS TO MAKE
- 27 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAINING AND COMPETENCY STANDARDS
- 28 RELATED TO SPECIALIZATION THAT WOULD ENABLE COMMUNITY HEALTH
- 29 WORKERS TO SPECIALIZE THEIR WORK WITH DIFFERENT POPULATIONS AND
- 30 HEALTH CONDITIONS.".
- 31 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

1 Page 7, line 8, strike "REPORT AND MUST BE" and substitute "REPORT. THE
2 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DETERMINE
3 HOW SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WILL BE
4 CAPTURED IN FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS' COST REPORTS.".

5 Page 7 strike lines 9 and 10.

6 Page 7, strike lines 15 through 27 and substitute "CLINIC'S COST REPORT.
7 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO
8 DETERMINE HOW SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
9 WILL BE CAPTURED IN RURAL HEALTH CENTERS' COST REPORTS.".

10 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 13 and substitute:

11 " (7) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE
12 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IN
13 PROMULGATING RULES CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY
14 COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY MANAGED
15 BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
16 AND ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA OR STANDARDS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.

17 (8) FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT, A COMMUNITY
18 HEALTH WORKER SHALL:

19 (a) WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A CLINICIAN OR WITHIN A
20 LICENSED OR OTHERWISE APPROVED AND MEDICAID-ENROLLED HEALTH
21 PROVIDER AGENCY; AND

22 (b) MEET THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALING
23 REQUIREMENTS OF THE VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY
24 HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-20.5-112.

25 (9) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT
26 REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOR EXISTING
27 UNLICENSED HEALTH WORKERS, SUCH AS PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS,
28 RECOVERY PROFESSIONALS, MANAGED CARE NAVIGATION STAFF, AND
29 OTHERS, ARE ALIGNED AND INCORPORATED WITH THE COMMUNITY
30 HEALTH WORKER PAYMENT MODELS.".

31 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

32 Page 8, line 17, strike "AND" and substitute "OR".

33 Page 8, line 17, strike "COST" and substitute "COSTS OR".

34 Page 8, line 18, after "SERVICES" insert "AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE
35 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPAND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES
36 IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE

1 TRADITIONAL HEALTH-CARE SETTING".

2 Page 8, after line 25, add:

3 **"SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-20.5-112 as
4 follows:

5 **25-20.5-112. Voluntary competency-based community health**
6 **worker registry - requirements - rules - definition.** (1) AS USED IN
7 THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "VOLUNTARY
8 COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY" MEANS
9 THE REGISTRY IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT LISTS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
10 COMPLETED STATE-APPROVED TRAINING AND CREDENTIALING
11 REQUIREMENTS BASED ON COMPETENCY STATEMENTS THAT REPRESENT
12 GENERALIST ENTRY-LEVEL CORE COMPETENCIES FOR UNLICENSED
13 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.

14 (2) A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER MUST COMPLETE A
15 STATE-APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM THAT MEETS CREDENTIALING
16 REQUIREMENTS BASED ON COMPETENCY STATEMENTS THAT REPRESENT
17 GENERALIST ENTRY-LEVEL CORE COMPETENCIES FOR UNLICENSED
18 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND MUST BE LISTED ON THE
19 DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH
20 WORKER REGISTRY IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED THROUGH THE STATE
21 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING COMMUNITY HEALTH
22 WORKER COVERED SERVICES TO A MEDICAID MEMBER.

23 (3) PARTICIPATION IN THE VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED
24 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY IS NOT REQUIRED FOR
25 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WHO DO NOT SEEK REIMBURSEMENT
26 THROUGH MEDICAID.

27 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO
28 THIS ARTICLE 20.5 AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE
29 VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
30 REGISTRY.".

31 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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