A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning hospital transparency measures required to analyze the efficacy of hospital delivery system reform incentive payments.

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 health care policy and financing (department), in consultation with the Colorado healthcare affordability and sustainability enterprise board, to develop and prepare an annual report detailing uncompensated hospital costs and the different categories of expenditures made by general hospitals in the state (hospital...
expenditure report). In compiling the hospital expenditure report, the department shall use publicly available data sources whenever possible. Each general hospital in the state is required to make available to the department certain information, including:

- Hospital cost reports submitted to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services;
- Annual audited financial statements; except that, if a hospital is part of a consolidated or combined group, the hospital may submit a consolidated or combined financial statement if the group's statement separately identifies the information for each of the group's licensed hospitals;
- Utilization and staffing information and standard units of measure; and
- Information accessed through a secure, online data collection and reporting system that provides a central location for the collection and analysis of hospital utilization and financial data.

The hospital expenditure report must include, but not be limited to:

- A description of the methods of analysis and definitions of report components by payer group;
- Uncompensated care costs by payer group; and
- The percentage that different categories of expenses contribute to overall expenses of hospitals.

The department is required to submit the hospital expenditure report to the governor, specified committees of the general assembly, and the medical services board in the department. The department is also directed to post the hospital expenditure report on the department's website.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-402.4, add (7)(e.5) follows:

25.5-4-402.4. Hospitals - healthcare affordability and sustainability fee - legislative declaration - Colorado healthcare affordability and sustainability enterprise - federal waiver - fund created - rules - reports. (7) Colorado healthcare affordability and sustainability enterprise board. (e.5) The enterprise board, using staff and analysis provided by the state department, shall
PROVIDE THE ESTIMATES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (7)(e)(V) OF THIS SECTION BASED ON APPROPRIATE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY HOSPITALS.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25.5-4-402.8 as follows:

25.5-4-402.8. Hospital expenditure report. (1) (a) As part of its administration of the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee, the state department, in consultation with the Colorado healthcare affordability and sustainability enterprise board, created in section 25.5-4-402.4 and referred to in this section as the "enterprise board", shall annually prepare a written hospital expenditure report detailing uncompensated hospital costs and the different categories of expenditures, by payer group, made by hospitals in the state. In compiling the hospital expenditure report, the state department shall use publicly available data sources whenever possible. Specifically, each general hospital in the state shall make available the following information to the state department:

(I) The hospital cost report submitted to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services pursuant to 42 CFR 413.20, including a copy of the final forms and worksheets submitted to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services as part of the hospital cost report;

(II) (A) An annual audited financial statement prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Each hospital shall submit the statement within one hundred twenty days after the end of its fiscal year unless the state
DEPARTMENT GRANTS AN EXTENSION IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION, IF A HOSPITAL IS PART OF A CONSOLIDATED OR COMBINED GROUP AND IS NORMALLY INCLUDED IN THAT GROUP'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT, THE HOSPITAL MAY SUBMIT THE CONSOLIDATED OR COMBINED STATEMENT IF THE GROUP'S STATEMENT SEPARATELY IDENTIFIES THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR EACH OF THE GROUP'S LICENSED HOSPITALS OPERATING IN THIS STATE. FOR EACH HOSPITAL OPERATING IN THIS STATE AND FOR EACH ADDITIONAL OPERATING UNIT THAT ACCOUNTS FOR FIVE PERCENT OR MORE OF THE CONSOLIDATED OR COMBINED GROUP'S GROSS REVENUES, THE STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE FINANCIAL BALANCES AND INFORMATION FOR THAT UNIT, INCLUDING A BALANCE SHEET, AN INCOME STATEMENT, A STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY OR FUND BALANCE, AND A STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS. THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR EACH HOSPITAL INCLUDED IN A CONSOLIDATED OR COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENT MUST ONLY REFLECT FINANCIAL BALANCES AND INFORMATION FOR THE HOSPITAL AND MUST NOT INCLUDE NONHOSPITAL OPERATIONS UNLESS NONHOSPITAL OPERATIONS ARE CLEARLY DELINEATED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OR THE HOSPITAL CLEARLY IDENTIFIES AND DELINEATES NONHOSPITAL OPERATIONS.

(III) UTILIZATION AND STAFFING INFORMATION AND STANDARD UNITS OF MEASURE; AND

(IV) INFORMATION PROVIDED THROUGH ACCESS TO A SECURE, ONLINE DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF HOSPITAL
UTILIZATION AND FINANCIAL DATA.

(b) Prior to developing the first annual hospital expenditure report, the State Department shall consult with the enterprise board regarding the development of the report. The State Department shall strive for consistency in reporting the components in each annual report.

(2) The hospital expenditure report must include, but not be limited to:

(a) A description of the methods of analysis and definitions of report components;

(b) Uncompensated care costs by payer group; and

(c) The percentage that each of the following categories contributes to overall expenses of hospitals:

(I) Delivery of inpatient health care and services by payer group;

(II) Delivery of outpatient health care and services by payer group and site location;

(III) Administrative costs;

(IV) Capital construction costs and associated bond liabilities;

(V) Maintenance;

(VI) Capital expenditures for equipment and technology;

(VII) Personnel services;

(VIII) Uncompensated care by payer group; and

(IX) Other expenditure categories, as determined by the State Department.

(3) (a) On or before January 15, 2019, and on or before
JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
SUBMIT THE ANNUAL HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE REPORT TO THE PUBLIC
HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE; THE HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
COMMITTEE; THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
THE GOVERNOR; AND THE STATE BOARD. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY
COMBINE THE HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION
WITH THE REPORT OF THE ENTERPRISE BOARD SPECIFIED IN SECTION
25.5-4-402.4 (7)(e), SO LONG AS THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
SECTION ARE FULFILLED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE
ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS WEBSITE BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORT
REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

SECTION 3. ACT SUBJECT TO PETITION - EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS ACT
TAKES EFFECT AT 12:01 A.M. ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE
NINETY-DAY PERIOD AFTER FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AUGUST
8, 2018, IF ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE IS ON MAY 9, 2018); EXCEPT THAT, IF A
REFERENDUM PETITION IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 (3) OF ARTICLE V OF THE
STATE CONSTITUTION AGAINST THIS ACT OR AN ITEM, SECTION, OR PART OF THIS ACT
WITHIN SUCH PERIOD, THEN THE ACT, ITEM, SECTION, OR PART WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT
UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN
NOVEMBER 2018 AND, IN SUCH CASE, WILL TAKE EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THE
OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE THEREON BY THE GOVERNOR.