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HOUSE BILL 20-1237

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Young and Saine,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Moreno and Sonnenberg,

House Committees

Public Health Care & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO
102 MANAGED CARE SERVICE AREAS UNDER THE MEDICAL
103 ASSISTANCE ACT.

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>.)

For a child or youth who obtains services under the state's medicaid program through the initiation of a dependency and neglect action or juvenile delinquency action, the bill directs the department of health care policy and financing (department) to assign the child or youth to the managed care entity (MCE) in the county in which the action was

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initiated. The department shall only change the MCE designation if requested by the county or the child's or youth's legal guardian. If the child or youth obtains services other than through an initiated dependency and neglect action, then reassignment to another MCE may only be requested by the child's or youth's legal guardian.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-402, **amend**
3 (6) as follows:

4 **25.5-5-402. Statewide managed care system - definition - rules.**
5 (6) (a) The state department is authorized to assign a medicaid recipient
6 to a particular MCE, consistent with federal requirements and rules
7 promulgated by the state board.

8 (b) FOR A CHILD OR YOUTH WHO OBTAINS ELIGIBILITY FOR
9 SERVICES UNDER THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM THROUGH A
10 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT ACTION INITIATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF
11 TITLE 19 OR A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACTION INITIATED PURSUANT TO
12 ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 19, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIGN THE CHILD
13 OR YOUTH TO THE MCE COVERING THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE ACTION
14 WAS INITIATED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ONLY CHANGE THE
15 ASSIGNMENT IF THE CHANGE IS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE
16 ACTION WAS INITIATED OR BY THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S LEGAL GUARDIAN.
17 A CHILD OR YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM FOR WHOM
18 A DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT ACTION HAS NOT BEEN INITIATED SHALL
19 ONLY HAVE THE MCE ASSIGNMENT CHANGED IF THE CHANGE IS
20 REQUESTED BY THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S LEGAL GUARDIAN.

21 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.