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**HOUSE BILL 22-1214**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE**  
102 **SYSTEM.**

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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 crisis system facilities and programs, including crisis walk-in centers and mobile crisis programs, to meet minimum standards to provide mental health and substance use disorder services. The bill clarifies that crisis system facilities and programs shall provide behavioral health services to individuals experiencing a substance use disorder crisis. Mobile crisis programs and crisis walk-in centers shall

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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provide crisis services to any individual, including youth of any age.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104, **amend**  
3 **as it will become effective July 1, 2022,** (1); **amend** (3)(b); and **add**  
4 (3)(a.5) and (3.5) as follows:

5 **27-60-104. Behavioral health crisis response system - crisis**  
6 **service facilities - walk-in centers - mobile response units - report.**

7 (1) All behavioral health entities, crisis walk-in centers, acute treatment  
8 units, MOBILE CRISIS PROGRAMS, RESPITE SERVICES, and crisis stabilization  
9 units within the crisis response system, regardless of ~~facility~~ PROGRAM  
10 licensure, ~~must be able to~~ SHALL MEET STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL  
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-66-105. FACILITY-BASED CRISIS SERVICE  
12 PROVIDERS MUST BE APPROVED OR DESIGNATED TO adequately care for an  
13 individual brought to the facility through the emergency mental health  
14 procedure described in section 27-65-105 ~~or a voluntary application for~~  
15 ~~mental health services pursuant to section 27-65-103~~ AND BE AN  
16 APPROVED TREATMENT FACILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-81-106. The  
17 arrangements for care must be completed through the crisis response  
18 system or prearranged partnerships with other crisis intervention services.

19 (3) (a.5) ALL CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE'S  
20 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY LICENSED,  
21 ADEQUATELY PREPARED, AND PROPERLY STAFFED TO PROVIDE CRISIS  
22 SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AS THAT  
23 TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-81-102, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A  
24 DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES  
25 ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, REGARDLESS

1 OF PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS, CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS, OR IF THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, AS  
3 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-270-104. A CRISIS WALK-IN CENTER SHALL  
4 PRIORITIZE TREATING HIGH-ACUITY INDIVIDUALS IN THE LEAST  
5 RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

6 (b) ~~Increasing~~ The ability of CRISIS walk-in centers to accept  
7 individuals through the emergency mental health procedure outlined in  
8 section 27-65-105, A VOLUNTARY APPLICATION FOR SUBSTANCE USE  
9 DISORDER SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-81-109, or a voluntary  
10 application for mental health services pursuant to section 27-65-103 may  
11 include, but is not limited to, purchasing, installing, and using telehealth  
12 operations for mobile crisis evaluations in partnership with hospitals,  
13 clinics, law enforcement agencies, and other appropriate service  
14 providers.

15 (3.5) MOBILE CRISIS PROGRAMS AND CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS  
16 SHALL PROVIDE CRISIS SERVICES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING YOUTH  
17 OF ANY AGE AND AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN THE  
18 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
19 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, REGARDLESS OF PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS,  
20 CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS, OR IF THE INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES ASSISTANCE  
21 WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-270-104.  
22 ALL ADDITIONAL OR CORRESPONDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES  
23 MUST BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAWS,  
24 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SECTIONS 12-245-203.5, 13-22-102, AND  
25 27-65-103.

26 **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.