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STATE OF COLORADO**

ENGROSSED

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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 26-0089.01 Shelby Ross x4510

HOUSE BILL 26-1220

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Exum and Rich,

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING UPDATING TERMINOLOGY FROM "ACUTE TREATMENT**
102 **UNIT" TO "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENTITY" TO CONFORM WITH**
103 **EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSES.**

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/>.)

Statutory Revision Committee. In House Bill 19-1237, multiple behavioral health facility licenses were condensed into one license type for facilities referred to as "behavioral health entities". In House Bill 22-1278, the licensing authority for behavioral health entities was transferred from the department of public health and environment to the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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behavioral health administration in the department of human services. Current law includes an incorrect reference to an "acute treatment unit", which license type was condensed into the license for behavioral health entities in 2019. The bill updates the terminology from "acute treatment unit" to "behavioral health entity" to conform with existing license types.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-120, **amend**
3 (5)(a)(III)(D) as follows:

4 **12-280-120. Compounding - dispensing - sale of drugs and**
5 **devices - rules - definition.**

6 (5) (a) A registered prescription drug outlet or other outlet may:

7 (III) Supply an emergency kit or starter dose, as defined by the
8 board by rule, to:

9 (D) ~~Any acute treatment unit licensed by the department of public~~
10 ~~health and environment~~ A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENTITY LICENSED BY THE
11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION and approved by the board for
12 receipt of an emergency kit.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
16 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
21 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.