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HOUSE BILL 26-1365

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REPEALING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR THERAPY  
102 USING EQUINE MOVEMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law authorizes medicaid reimbursement for therapy using equine movement provided by a licensed physical therapist, a licensed occupational therapist, or a certified speech-language pathologist. The bill repeals this provision and reduces the 2026-27 appropriation to the department of health care policy and

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financing by \$181,514.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25.5-5-332.

3 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

4 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, to implement this  
5 act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general  
6 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
7 health care policy and financing for medical and long-term care services  
8 for medicaid-eligible individuals is decreased by \$181,514, which is  
9 subject to the "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general  
10 appropriation act for the same fiscal year.

11 (2) The decrease of the appropriation in subsection (1) of this  
12 section is based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal  
13 funds received for the 2026-27 state fiscal year by the department of  
14 health care policy and financing for medical and long-term care services  
15 for medicaid-eligible individuals will decrease by \$181,514.

16 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
17 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
18 state fiscal year if:

19 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the  
20 annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
21 department of health care policy and financing for medical and long-term  
22 care services for medicaid-eligible individuals is less than the amount of  
23 the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

24 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
25 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of health

1 care policy and financing for medical and long-term care services for  
2 medicaid-eligible individuals.

3 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
4 except that section 2 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
5 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
6 case section 2 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
7 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever  
8 is later.

9 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
12 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
13 institutions.