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**HOUSE BILL 26-1366**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ENHANCING STATE-DIRECTED PAYMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN**  
102 **SERVICES RENDERED BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AT DENVER**  
103 **HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
104 **THEREWITH, MAKING 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.** The bill allows money collected from the hospital provider fee to be used to maximize reimbursement through state-directed payments for physician services at Denver health and

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hospital authority.

The bill makes a cash fund appropriation to the department of health care policy and financing.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-402.4, **add**  
3 (5)(b)(I.7) and (9)(1.5) as follows:

4 **25.5-4-402.4. Hospitals - healthcare affordability and**  
5 **sustainability hospital provider fee - healthcare affordability and**  
6 **sustainability nursing facility provider fee - healthcare affordability**  
7 **and sustainability intermediate care facility fee - receipt of public**  
8 **funds - Colorado healthcare affordability and sustainability**  
9 **enterprise - federal waiver - funds created - reports - rules -**  
10 **legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

11 (5) **Healthcare affordability and sustainability hospital**  
12 **provider fee cash fund.**

13 (b) All money in the hospital provider fee cash fund is subject to  
14 federal matching as authorized under federal law and, subject to annual  
15 appropriation by the general assembly, shall be expended by the  
16 enterprise for the following purposes:

17 (I.7) TO MAXIMIZE REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES AT  
18 DENVER HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY THROUGH A STATE-DIRECTED  
19 PAYMENT PROGRAM, AS PERMITTED IN 42 CFR 438.6(c).

20 (9) **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context  
21 otherwise requires:

22 (1.5) "PHYSICIAN SERVICES" MEANS MEDICALLY NECESSARY  
23 SERVICES THAT ARE RENDERED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR QUALIFIED  
24 MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AND ARE BILLED SEPARATELY FROM HOSPITAL

1 FACILITY FEES.

2           **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal  
3 year, \$3,527,482 is appropriated to the department of health care policy  
4 and financing. This appropriation is from the healthcare affordability and  
5 sustainability hospital provider fee cash fund created in section  
6 25.5-4-402.4 (5)(a)(I). To implement this act, the department may use this  
7 appropriation for medical and long-term care services for  
8 Medicaid-eligible individuals.

9           (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, the general assembly  
10 anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will  
11 receive \$7,803,973 in federal funds for medical and long-term care  
12 services for Medicaid-eligible individuals to implement this act. The  
13 appropriation in subsection (1) of this section is based on the assumption  
14 that the department will receive this amount of federal funds.

15           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
18 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
19 institutions.