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HOUSE BILL 26-1063

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PUBLISHING AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF SECURE**
102 **TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS ON CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS'**
103 **WEBSITES.**

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/>.)

Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. Current law requires the department of health care policy and financing to provide medicaid reimbursement to opioid treatment programs for administering medication-assisted treatment

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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(MAT) in a jail setting. **Section 1** of the bill expands medicaid reimbursement to include licensed providers who administer MAT in a jail setting.

Current law excludes personnel employed by or contracted with a law enforcement agency from the definition of "secure transportation". **Section 2** removes this exclusion to allow entities that contract with law enforcement agencies to provide secure transportation.

Sections 3 and 4 transfer the licensing authority for secure transportation providers from the counties to the department of public health and environment beginning January 1, 2027.

Sections 6 through 10 make changes to the secure transportation requirements and petition filing requirements related to emergency mental health holds and short-term and long-term certifications, including:

- Expanding the transportation provider types that may be contacted for assistance in detaining and transporting a person to a facility for an emergency mental health hold to include a behavioral health crisis response team, a private ambulance service provider, a private emergency medical services provider, and a secure transportation provider;
- Requiring a certified peace officer to advise the person being taken into protective custody that the person is not under arrest and has not committed a crime;
- Requiring the petition for a court-ordered evaluation to include any known history of the respondent's history of assault or possession of weapons and whether the respondent has a prior history of an emergency mental health hold or short-term or long-term certification; and
- Creating a right for a person detained for an emergency mental health hold to not be transported by a certified peace officer if an alternative secure transportation option is available.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25.5-5-428** as
3 follows:

4 **25.5-5-428. Secure transportation providers - accessible list.**

5 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH ON THE STATE
6 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF SECURE
7 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-65-102, THAT

1 HAVE CONTRACTS WITH MANAGED CARE ENTITIES. THE LIST MUST
2 INCLUDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SECURE TRANSPORTATION
3 PROVIDER, INCLUDING AN ACTIVE PHONE NUMBER OR WEBSITE.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-404, add
5 (1)(d) as follows:

6 **27-50-404. Care coordination - responsibilities of behavioral**
7 **health administrative services organizations - coordination with**
8 **managed care entities.**

9 (1) (d) THE BHA SHALL PUBLISH ON THE BHA'S WEBSITE AN
10 EASILY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF SECURE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS, AS
11 DEFINED IN SECTION 27-65-102, THAT HAVE CONTRACTS WITH
12 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS. THE
13 LIST MUST INCLUDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE SECURE
14 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER, INCLUDING AN ACTIVE PHONE NUMBER OR
15 WEBSITE.

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