

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 24, 2026  
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1069 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 8.
- 2 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 15.
- 3 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 4 Page 3, line 17, after "(19)(e)(I)" insert "and (19)(e)(II) introductory  
5 portion; and **add** (19)(1.5)".
- 6 Page 3, line 26, before "AMBULANCE" insert "AN".
- 7 Page 3, line 27, strike "COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE" and  
8 substitute "AN AGENCY PROVIDING OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES".
- 9 Page 4, line 1, strike "SERVICE AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
10 25-3.5-1301 (1.5)".
- 11 Page 4, line 9, strike "OR".
- 12 Page 4, strike lines 10 through 19 and substitute:  
13 "(C) THE GROUND TRANSPORTATION OF A COVERED PERSON TO AN  
14 APPROPRIATE LOCATION OTHER THAN A HOSPITAL OR AN AGENCY  
15 PROVIDING OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES, IF THE DESTINATION IS A CRISIS  
16 STABILIZATION UNIT AND THE PATIENT MEETS CLINICALLY VALIDATED  
17 CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER'S  
18 MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR DIVERSION TO  
19 THE SELECTED ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION. THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
20 SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL BILL THE CARRIER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THE

1 COVERED PERSON AT THE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RATE; OR  
2 (D) THE EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF A COVERED PERSON AT  
3 THE SCENE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR DURING TRANSPORT FROM THE  
4 SCENE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE, AS  
5 DEFINED IN SECTION 25-3.5-103 (3), OR AN AGENCY PROVIDING  
6 OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES.

7 (II) For a covered person ~~who~~ THAT is provided services described  
8 in ~~subsections (19)(e)(I)(A) and (19)(e)(I)(B)~~ SUBSECTION (19)(e)(I) of  
9 this section with respect to an emergency medical condition, unless each  
10 of the conditions in subsection (19)(e)(III) of this section are met, the  
11 term "emergency services" includes services that are:

12 (1.5) (I) "OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES" MEANS FURNISHING ANY  
13 NECESSARY GOODS AND SERVICES OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL SETTING FOR  
14 THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING, ALLEVIATING, CURING, OR HEALING HUMAN  
15 ILLNESS, A PHYSICAL DISABILITY, A PHYSICAL INJURY, OR A SUBSTANCE  
16 USE DISORDER WHILE RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY OR OTHER  
17 HEALTH-CARE CONDITION.

18 (II) "OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
19 PREHOSPITAL SETTING TRANSPORTS."

20 Page 7, strike lines 3 through 27.

21 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 13.

22 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

23 Page 8, line 21, strike "OR A COMMUNITY INTEGRATED".

24 Page 8, line 22, strike "HEALTH-CARE SERVICE AGENCY FOR" and  
25 substitute "FOR GROUND".

26 Page 8, lines 24 and 25, strike "OR COMMUNITY INTEGRATED  
27 HEALTH-CARE SERVICE AGENCY'S".

28 Page 8, line 27, strike "OR A COMMUNITY INTEGRATED".

29 Page 9, line 1, strike "HEALTH-CARE SERVICE AGENCY".

30 Page 9, line 3, before "TRANSPORTATION" insert "GROUND".

31 Page 9, line 4, strike the second "A" and substitute "AN AGENCY  
32 PROVIDING OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES".

1 Page 9, strike line 5 and substitute "FOR".

2 Page 9, strike lines 19 and 20 and substitute:

3 "(b) (I) "OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES" MEANS FURNISHING ANY  
4 NECESSARY GOODS AND SERVICES OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL SETTING FOR  
5 THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING, ALLEVIATING, CURING, OR HEALING HUMAN  
6 ILLNESS, A PHYSICAL DISABILITY, A PHYSICAL INJURY, OR A SUBSTANCE  
7 USE DISORDER WHILE RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY OR OTHER  
8 HEALTH-CARE CONDITION.

9 (II) "OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
10 PREHOSPITAL SETTING TRANSPORTS."

11 Page 10, after line 7 insert:

12 "SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-54-101, **amend**  
13 (4) as follows:

14 **25-54-101. Definitions.**

15 As used in this article 54, unless the context otherwise requires:

16 (4) "Health information organization network" ~~means a Colorado~~  
17 ~~organization that has experience in overseeing and governing the~~  
18 ~~exchange of health-related information among organizations according~~  
19 ~~to Colorado law and nationally recognized standards including but not~~  
20 ~~limited to the federal "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability~~  
21 ~~Act of 1996", Pub.L. 104-191, as amended~~ HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH  
22 IN SECTION 25-3.5-103 (8.6)."

23 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

24 Strike "A COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE SERVICE AGENCY" and  
25 substitute "AN AGENCY PROVIDING OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SERVICES" on: **Page**  
26 **9**, lines 7 and 8 and 11 and 12.

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