

## CHAPTER 243

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**HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES**


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## HOUSE BILL 26-1375

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota and Taggart, Brown;  
also SENATOR(S) Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges.

## AN ACT

CONCERNING REPEALING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FUNDING MODEL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-1-121.5.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-8-111, **repeal** (3) as follows:

**25.5-8-111. Department - administration - outsourcing.**

~~(3) If the state department uses county departments of human or social services to perform functions relating to the administration of the children's basic health plan pursuant to subsection (1)(a)(II) of this section and allocates money to a county for that purpose, the state department shall make the allocation in accordance with the results of the public assistance programs funding model described in section 26-1-121.5.~~

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-121, **repeal** (2)(b) as follows:

**26-1-121. Appropriations - food distribution programs.**

~~(2) (b) Beginning with fiscal year 2025-26, before making the appropriation described in subsection (2)(a) of this section, the general assembly shall consider, but is not required to appropriate amounts included in, the results of the public assistance programs funding model described in section 26-1-121.5.~~

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-122, **amend** (2)(a) as follows:

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

**26-1-122. County appropriations and expenditures - advancements - procedures.**

(2) (a) The county boards, in accordance with the rules of the state department, shall file requests with the state department for advancement of funds for the program costs of assistance payments, food stamps (except the value of food stamp coupons), and social services and for the administrative costs of each. The state department shall determine the requirements of each county for program costs AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, taking into consideration available funds and all pertinent facts and circumstances, ~~and administrative costs, in accordance with the funding model described in section 26-1-121.5;~~ and shall certify by voucher to the controller the amounts to be paid to each county. The amounts so certified must be paid from the state treasury upon voucher of the state department and warrant of the controller and must be credited by the county treasurer to the county social services fund in accordance with the law and rules of the state department.

**SECTION 5. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

(1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, to implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of human services for use by the office of economic security for administration are adjusted as follows:

(a) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$180,000; and

(b) The reappropriated funds appropriation received from the department of health care policy and financing is decreased by \$240,000.

(2) The decrease of the appropriations in subsection (1) of this section is based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal funds received for the 2026-27 state fiscal year by the department of human services for use by the office of economic security for administration will decrease by \$180,000.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, to implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of health care policy and financing for use by transfers to other state department medicaid-funded programs for administration related to the office of economic security are adjusted as follows:

(a) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$72,180, which amount is subject to the "(M)" notation as defined in the general appropriation act for the same fiscal year; and

(b) The cash funds appropriation from the healthcare affordability and sustainability hospital provider fee cash fund created in section 25.5-4-402.4 (5)(a), C.R.S., is decreased by \$47,820.

(4) The decrease of the appropriations in subsection (3) of this section is based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal funds received for the 2026-27 state fiscal year by the department of health care policy and financing for use by transfers to other state department medicaid-funded programs for administration related to the office of economic security will decrease by \$120,000.

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

(a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of human services for use by the office of economic security for administration is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1)(a) of this section; or

(b) The amount of the reappropriated funds appropriation received from the department of health care policy and financing made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of human services for use by the office of economic security for administration is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1)(b) of this section; or

(c) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of human services for use by the office of economic security for administration.

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

(a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of health care policy and financing for use by transfers to other state department medicaid-funded programs for administration related to the office of economic security is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (3)(a) of this section; or

(b) The amount of the cash funds appropriation from the healthcare affordability and sustainability hospital provider fee cash fund created in section 25.5-4-402.4 (5)(a), C.R.S., in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of health care policy and financing for use by transfers to other state department medicaid-funded programs for administration related to the office of economic security is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (3)(b) of this section; or

(c) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of health care policy and financing for use by transfers to other state department medicaid-funded programs for administration related to the office of economic security.

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

**SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,

health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: May 29, 2026