

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 2, 2023
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

SB23-002 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 3 insert:
2 "(a) The American Public Health Association defines "community
3 health worker" as a frontline public health worker who is a trusted
4 member of, and has a close understanding of, the community that worker
5 serves. This trusting relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison
6 between health and social services and improve the quality and cultural
7 competence of service delivery. "Community health worker" is meant to
8 be an umbrella term for individuals who may go by many names, such as
9 health promoters, community outreach workers, promotores de salud,
10 health navigators, and patient navigators."
- 11 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 12 Page 3, line 21, after the period add "Community health worker
13 interventions improve patient self-efficacy, quality of life, adherence to
14 medical care, and satisfaction with care for individuals with kidney
15 failure."
- 16 Page 3, after line 24 insert:
17 "(j) Community health workers include violence prevention
18 professionals who may be employed by hospital-based violence
19 intervention programs. These workers identify and target risk factors of
20 violence, then link program participants with hospital and
21 community-based resources. The rate of hospital readmission for
22 participants who engaged in these programs was reduced by 50 percent,
23 with an accrued savings of \$32,000, a tenfold reduction."
- 24 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

- 1 Page 5, line 3, strike "MENTAL," and substitute "BEHAVIORAL,".
- 2 Page 5, line 4, strike "COMBAT" and substitute "ADDRESS".
- 3 Page 5, line 5, strike "COMPETENCE" and substitute "RESPONSIVENESS".
- 4 Page 5, line 6, strike "THIS TERM MAY INCLUDE HEALTH".
- 5 Page 5, strike lines 7 and 8.
- 6 Page 5, line 14, after "HEALTH NAVIGATION," insert "TRANSITIONS OF
7 CARE SUPPORTS,".
- 8 Page 5, line 15, strike "ASSESSMENT," and substitute "ASSESSMENT FOR
9 NONCLINICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS,".
- 10 Page 5, line 21, after "WORKERS," insert "REPRESENTATIVES FROM A
11 STATEWIDE GROUP REPRESENTING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS,".
- 12 Page 5, line 23, strike "A REPRESENTATIVE OF A" and substitute
13 "REPRESENTATIVES FROM".
- 14 Page 5, line 25, strike "PROGRAM FOR HEALTH NAVIGATORS," and
15 substitute "PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH NAVIGATORS AND COMMUNITY
16 HEALTH WORKERS,".
- 17 Page 6, strike line 10 through 12 and substitute:
18 "(d) A PATIENT SAFETY MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES AND
19 GRIEVANCE PROCESS;".
- 20 Page 6, line 19 and 20, strike "PAYMENT MODEL" and substitute
21 "MANAGED CARE OR VALUES-BASED PAYMENT MODELS".
- 22 Page 6, line 21, strike "FUTURE THAT" and substitute "FUTURE;".
- 23 Page 6, strike lines 22 and 23.
- 24 Page 6, before line 24 insert:
25 "(h) NEW PROVIDER TYPES THAT COULD FACILITATE COMMUNITY
26 HEALTH WORKER SERVICES OUTSIDE OF TRADITIONAL HEALTH-CARE
27 SETTINGS, SUCH AS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; AND".

1 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

2 Page 7, after line 3 insert:

3 "(4) IN CONSIDERATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE EXPANSION
4 OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WORKFORCE, THE COLORADO
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO
6 PARTNER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND STAKEHOLDERS TO MAKE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAINING AND COMPETENCY STANDARDS
8 RELATED TO SPECIALIZATION THAT WOULD ENABLE COMMUNITY HEALTH
9 WORKERS TO SPECIALIZE THEIR WORK WITH DIFFERENT POPULATIONS AND
10 HEALTH CONDITIONS."

11 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

12 Page 7, line 8, strike "REPORT AND MUST BE" and substitute "REPORT. THE
13 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DETERMINE
14 HOW SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WILL BE
15 CAPTURED IN FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS' COST REPORTS."

16 Page 7 strike lines 9 and 10.

17 Page 7, strike lines 15 through 27 and substitute "CLINIC'S COST REPORT.
18 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO
19 DETERMINE HOW SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
20 WILL BE CAPTURED IN RURAL HEALTH CENTERS' COST REPORTS."

21 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 13 and substitute:

22 "(7) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE
23 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IN
24 PROMULGATING RULES CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY
25 COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY MANAGED
26 BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
27 AND ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA OR STANDARDS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.

28 (8) FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT, A COMMUNITY
29 HEALTH WORKER SHALL:

30 (a) WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A CLINICIAN OR WITHIN A
31 LICENSED OR OTHERWISE APPROVED AND MEDICAID-ENROLLED HEALTH
32 PROVIDER AGENCY; AND

33 (b) MEET THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALING
34 REQUIREMENTS OF THE VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY
35 HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-20.5-112.

36 (9) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT
37 REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOR EXISTING

1 UNLICENSED HEALTH WORKERS, SUCH AS PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS,
2 RECOVERY PROFESSIONALS, MANAGED CARE NAVIGATION STAFF, AND
3 OTHERS, ARE ALIGNED AND INCORPORATED WITH THE COMMUNITY
4 HEALTH WORKER PAYMENT MODELS."

5 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

6 Page 8, line 17, strike "AND" and substitute "OR".

7 Page 8, line 17, strike "COST" and substitute "COSTS OR".

8 Page 8, line 18, after "SERVICES" insert "AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPAND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES
10 IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE
11 TRADITIONAL HEALTH-CARE SETTING".

12 Page 8, after line 25, add:

13 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25-20.5-112 as
14 follows:

15 **25-20.5-112. Voluntary competency-based community health**
16 **worker registry - requirements - rules - definition.** (1) AS USED IN
17 THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "VOLUNTARY
18 COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY" MEANS
19 THE REGISTRY IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT LISTS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
20 COMPLETED STATE-APPROVED TRAINING AND CREDENTIALING
21 REQUIREMENTS BASED ON COMPETENCY STATEMENTS THAT REPRESENT
22 GENERALIST ENTRY-LEVEL CORE COMPETENCIES FOR UNLICENSED
23 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.

24 (2) A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER MUST COMPLETE A
25 STATE-APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM THAT MEETS CREDENTIALING
26 REQUIREMENTS BASED ON COMPETENCY STATEMENTS THAT REPRESENT
27 GENERALIST ENTRY-LEVEL CORE COMPETENCIES FOR UNLICENSED
28 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND MUST BE LISTED ON THE
29 DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH
30 WORKER REGISTRY IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED THROUGH THE STATE
31 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING COMMUNITY HEALTH
32 WORKER COVERED SERVICES TO A MEDICAID MEMBER.

33 (3) PARTICIPATION IN THE VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED
34 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER REGISTRY IS NOT REQUIRED FOR
35 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WHO DO NOT SEEK REIMBURSEMENT
36 THROUGH MEDICAID.

37 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO
38 THIS ARTICLE 20.5 AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE

- 1 VOLUNTARY COMPETENCY-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
- 2 REGISTRY."
- 3 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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