

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 6, 2025

Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

SB25-042 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike line 24 and substitute "GROUP TO
2 IDENTIFY:

3 (I) EXISTING RESOURCES AND MODEL PROGRAMS THAT".

4 Page 4, strike line 1 and substitute "MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAMS;
5 AND

6 (II) THE REIMBURSEMENT SHORTAGES AND GAPS WITHIN THE
7 CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE, AND
8 REIMBURSEMENT AND FUNDING OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
9 STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGES AND GAPS,
10 INCLUDING TREATMENT FOR FUNDING IN PLACE."

11 Page 4, lines 4 and 5, strike "COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS;" and
12 substitute "LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, FAMILY RESOURCE
13 CENTERS, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS RELEVANT TO THE
14 COMMUNITY, SUCH AS ESSENTIAL PROVIDERS, COMPREHENSIVE
15 COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, SUBSTANCE USE
16 TREATMENT PROVIDERS, MENTAL HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, AND
17 INDEPENDENT CLINICIANS OR QUALIFIED UNLICENSED INDEPENDENT
18 PROVIDERS; REPRESENTATIVES CERTIFIED IN PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE;"

19 Page 4, after line 9 add:

20 "(c) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONVENE THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
21 REMOTELY."

22 Page 4, strike lines 10 through 16 and substitute:

23 "(3) (a) AFTER CONVENING THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP PURSUANT
24 TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER

1 31, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE A LIST OF EXISTING
2 RESOURCES AND MODEL PROGRAMS, AND ANALYZE REIMBURSEMENT
3 SHORTAGES AND GAPS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
4 ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGES AND GAPS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE
5 THE RESOURCES, MODEL PROGRAMS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLICLY
6 AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

7 (b) (I) IN ITS 2026 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEES OF
8 REFERENCE MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203, THE DEPARTMENT
9 SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE INFORMATION COMPILED AND THE
10 ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
11 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT DEVELOPED
13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO ANY IMPACTED
14 STATE AGENCY.

15 (c) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BHA SHALL CONTINUALLY
16 UPDATE".

17 Page 4, strike lines 20 through 26 and substitute:

18 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-60-117 as
19 follows:

20 **27-60-117. Crisis response continuum of care - reimbursement**
21 **shortages and gaps - report - repeal.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1,
22 2026, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, IN COLLABORATION
23 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING SHALL".

24 Page 5, lines 4 and 5, strike "THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE
25 SYSTEM," and substitute "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE,".

26 Page 5, strike lines 9 through 17 and substitute:

27 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-4-435 as
28 follows:

29 **25.5-4-435. Reimbursement for sixty-day stay.** THE STATE
30 DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE AN INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES,
31 AS DEFINED IN 42 CFR 435.1010, FOR PROVIDING INPATIENT MENTAL
32 HEALTH TREATMENT TO A MEMBER FOR UP TO SIXTY DAYS OR TO THE
33 EXTENT PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW.".

34 Page 6, line 6, strike "A" and substitute "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
35 FEDERAL "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND LABOR ACT, 42 U.S.C
36 SEC. 1395DD, A".

- 1 Page 6, strike line 11 and substitute "PERSON AND THE FACILITY IS
- 2 DESIGNATED BY THE BHA TO PROVIDE CARE AND TREATMENT PURSUANT
- 3 TO ARTICLE 65 OF TITLE 27."

- 4 Page 6, strike lines 12 through 27.

- 5 Strike page 7 and 8.

- 6 Page 9, strike lines 1 through 3.

- 7 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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