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**HOUSE BILL 22-1403**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING A THREE-MONTH DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
102             **HEALTH-CARE BILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS**  
103             **ESTABLISHED IN HOUSE BILL 21-1198.**

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**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>.)*

House Bill 21-1198 established health-care billing requirements for indigent patients beginning June 1, 2022. The bill changes the beginning date to September 1, 2022.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 4, 2022

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
May 3, 2022

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 29, 2022

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 28, 2022

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-3-502, **amend**  
3 (1) introductory portion as follows:

4 **25.5-3-502. Requirement to screen patients for eligibility for**  
5 **public health-care programs and discounted care - rules.**

6 (1) Beginning ~~June 1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, a health-care facility  
7 shall screen, unless a patient declines, each uninsured patient for  
8 eligibility for:

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-3-503, **amend**  
10 (1) introductory portion as follows:

11 **25.5-3-503. Health-care discounts on services not eligible for**  
12 **Colorado indigent care program reimbursement.** (1) Beginning ~~June~~  
13 ~~1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, if a patient is screened pursuant to section  
14 25.5-3-502 and is determined to be a qualified patient, a health-care  
15 facility and a licensed health-care professional shall, for emergency and  
16 other non-CICP health-care services:

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-3-504, **amend**  
18 (1) introductory portion as follows:

19 **25.5-3-504. Notification of patients' rights.** (1) Beginning ~~June~~  
20 ~~1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, a health-care facility shall make information  
21 developed by the state department about patients' rights under this part 5  
22 and the uniform application developed by the state department pursuant  
23 to section 25.5-3-505 (2)(i) available to the public and to each patient. At  
24 a minimum, the health-care facility shall:

25 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-3-505, **amend**  
26 (1) as follows:

27 **25.5-3-505. Health-care facility reporting requirements -**

1 **agency enforcement - report - rules.** (1) Beginning ~~June 1, 2023~~  
2 SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, and each ~~June 1~~ SEPTEMBER 1 thereafter, each  
3 health-care facility shall report to the state department data that the state  
4 department determines is necessary to evaluate compliance across race,  
5 ethnicity, age, and primary-language-spoken patient groups with the  
6 screening, discounted care, payment plan, and collections practices  
7 required pursuant to this part 5. If a health-care facility is not capable of  
8 disaggregating the data required pursuant to this subsection (1) by race,  
9 ethnicity, age, and primary language spoken, the health-care facility shall  
10 report to the state department the steps the facility is taking to improve  
11 race, ethnicity, age, and primary-language-spoken data collection and the  
12 date by which the facility will be able to disaggregate the reported data.

13 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-3-506, **amend**  
14 (1) introductory portion as follows:

15 **25.5-3-506. Limitations on collection actions - private**  
16 **enforcement.** (1) Beginning ~~June 1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, before  
17 assigning or selling patient debt to a collection agency, as defined in  
18 section 5-16-103 (3)(a), or a debt buyer, as defined in section 5-16-103  
19 (8.5), or before pursuing, either directly or indirectly, any permissible  
20 extraordinary collection action, as defined in section 6-20-201 (7):

21 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-20-203, **amend**  
22 (3)(a), (4) introductory portion, and (5) introductory portion as follows:

23 **6-20-203. Limitations on collection actions - definition.**  
24 (3) (a) Beginning ~~June 1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, at least thirty days  
25 before taking any permissible extraordinary collection action, a medical  
26 creditor, as defined in section 6-20-201 (6)(a), collecting on a debt for  
27 hospital services shall notify the patient of potential collection actions and

1 shall include with the notice a statement developed by the department of  
2 health care policy and financing that explains the availability of  
3 discounted care for qualified individuals and how to apply for such care.

4 (4) Beginning ~~June 1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, if a medical  
5 creditor collecting on a debt for hospital services bills or initiates  
6 collection activities and it is later determined that the patient should have  
7 been screened pursuant to section 25.5-3-503 and is determined to be a  
8 qualified patient, as defined in section 25.5-3-501 (5), or it is determined  
9 that the patient's bill is eligible for reimbursement through a public  
10 health-care coverage program or the Colorado indigent care program, the  
11 medical creditor shall:

12 (5) Beginning ~~June 1, 2022~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, a medical  
13 creditor collecting on a debt for hospital services shall not sell a medical  
14 debt to another party unless, prior to the sale, the medical debt seller has  
15 entered into a legally binding written agreement with the medical debt  
16 buyer of the debt pursuant to which:

17 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.