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SENATE BILL 25-078

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN NONPROFIT HOSPITALS**
102 **TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER**
103 **HEALTH FACILITIES.**

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>.)

In 2023, the general assembly authorized certain public hospitals to enter into collaborative agreements with other hospitals or hospital affiliates to engage in activities to increase access to health care. The bill authorizes private, nonprofit hospitals with fewer than 50 beds to also enter into collaborative agreements.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-1-1001, **amend**
3 (2)(e) introductory portion, (2)(e)(II), and (2)(e)(III); and add (2)(e)(IV)
4 as follows:

5 **25.5-1-1001. Hospital collaborative agreements - review of**
6 **proposed collaborative agreements - immunity - legislative**
7 **declaration - definitions - rules.** (2) As used in this section, unless the
8 context otherwise requires:

9 (e) "Hospital" means a facility, with fewer than fifty beds that
10 WHICH IS NOT OWNED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH A HEALTH SYSTEM THAT IS
11 COMPRISED OF THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS, THAT IS:

12 (II) A hospital established, maintained, or operated directly or
13 indirectly by a health service district; ~~or~~

14 (III) A hospital affiliate; OR

15 (IV) A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT HOSPITAL.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-3-304.5
17 as follows:

18 **25-3-304.5. Hospital collaborative agreements - additional**
19 **powers.** In addition to the powers specified in section 25-3-304, the board
20 of trustees of a county public hospital may enter into a collaborative
21 agreement with another county public hospital; A health service district;
22 ~~or~~ A hospital affiliate; OR A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT HOSPITAL in accordance
23 with section 25.5-1-1001.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-1003, **amend**
25 (1)(c.5) as follows:

26 **32-1-1003. Health service districts - additional powers.** (1) In

1 addition to the powers specified in section 32-1-1001, the board of any
2 health service district has any or all of the following powers for and on
3 behalf of such district:

4 (c.5) To enter into a collaborative agreement with another health
5 service district; A county public hospital; ~~or~~ A hospital affiliate; OR A
6 PRIVATE, NONPROFIT HOSPITAL in accordance with section 25.5-1-1001;

7 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
10 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
11 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
12 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
13 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
14 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.