

CHAPTER 48

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**HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**HOUSE BILL 01-1048**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Vigil, Alexander, Borodkin, Boyd, Chavez, Crane, Daniel, Groff, Hodge, Madden, Marshall, Miller, Ragsdale, Romanoff, Saliman, Sanchez, Stengel, Tapia, Tochtrop, and Williams S.;  
also SENATOR(S) Hagedorn and Hanna.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF HALF SIBLINGS AS PART OF AN ASSISTANCE UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

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

**SECTION 1.** 26-2-706 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**26-2-706. Target populations.** (1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section and restrictions in the federal law, any person or family eligible to receive AFDC in Colorado based upon eligibility criteria in effect on July 16, 1996, may receive assistance under the Colorado works program.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), the state board shall promulgate rules to provide that two-parent families shall be treated the same as single-parent families under the provisions of this section.

(c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO PROVIDE THAT HALF SIBLINGS RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE IN THE SAME ASSISTANCE UNIT IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE HALF SIBLINGS IS RECEIVING CHILD SUPPORT. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCE, THE HALF SIBLING RECEIVING CHILD SUPPORT SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN COLORADO WORKS.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 21, 2001

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*