

## CHAPTER 348

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**HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING**

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**HOUSE BILL 04-1438**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Stafford, Coleman, Frangas, Jahn, Merrifield, Paccione, and Williams S.;  
also SENATOR(S) Johnson S.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER THE COLORADO INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 26-15-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to read:

**26-15-106. Responsibility of the department of health care policy and financing - provider reimbursement.** (18) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE ANY HOSPITAL PROVIDER WHO MAY RECEIVE PAYMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT DATA RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL'S NUMBER OF MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE IN-PATIENT DAYS AND THE HOSPITAL'S TOTAL IN-PATIENT DAYS IN A FORM SPECIFIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER SHALL VERIFY THE DATA TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE PROGRAM AUDIT PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION BY HOSPITAL IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IN THE REPORT REQUIRED BY SECTION 26-15-105.

(19) TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM'S PAYMENT FORMULA DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL FACTOR, AS DESCRIBED IN RULE BY THE STATE BOARD CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 1, A HOSPITAL PROVIDER'S PERCENT OF MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE IN-PATIENT DAYS RELATIVE TO TOTAL IN-PATIENT DAYS SHALL BE EQUAL TO OR EXCEED ONE STANDARD DEVIATION ABOVE THE MEAN.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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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.*

**SECTION 3. 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: May 28, 2004