

CHAPTER 115

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE BILL 07-1204

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also SENATOR(S) Tochtrop.

AN ACT**CONCERNING PODIATRISTS' PERFORMANCE OF APPRAISALS OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL.**

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

SECTION 1. 25-3-103.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-3-103.5. Nondiscrimination - hospital surgical privileges - hospital rules and regulations. (3) A hospital may require the coadmittance by a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy for any patient admitted for surgical treatment by a podiatrist or dentist. The responsibility for obtaining such coadmittance shall be that of the podiatrist or dentist admitting said patient and not of the hospital. Patients admitted for podiatric or dental care shall receive the same basic medical appraisal as patients admitted for other services. Such appraisal shall include an admission history and physical examination by a medical doctor, ~~or~~ doctor of osteopathy, ~~OR QUALIFIED, HOSPITAL-CREDENTIALLED AND -PRIVILEGED PODIATRIST,~~ who is either on the medical staff or approved by the medical staff of such hospital. The findings of such appraisal shall be recorded on the patient's medical record. The admitting podiatrist or dentist shall be responsible for that part of the history and examination ~~which~~ THAT is related to podiatry or dentistry. The medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy shall be responsible for the treatment of any medical problem ~~which~~ THAT may be present on admission or arise during hospitalization of such podiatric or dental patient. Such doctor shall evaluate the general medical condition of the podiatric or dental patient and determine, after consultation if necessary, the overall risk of the pending surgical treatment to the patient's health.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to

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article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 8, 2007, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2007); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 9, 2007