CHAPTER 148

HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING

SENATE BILL 11-215

BY SENATOR(S) Hodge, Steadman, Lambert;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Becker, Gerou, Ferrandino.

AN ACT

Concerning a reduction in the general fund portion of the per diem rates paid to nursing facilities for the 2011-12 fiscal year, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. 25.5-6-202 (9) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

25.5-6-202.  Providers - nursing facility provider reimbursement - rules - repeal.  (9) (b) (IV)  NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012, THE GENERAL FUND PORTION OF THE PER DIEM RATE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (4) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, INCREASE THE SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAID PAYMENT PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) DUE TO THIS REDUCTION; EXCEPT THAT THE PROVIDER FEE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 25.5-6-203 (1) (a) (II).

SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in the 2011 long bill.  For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act to the department of health care policy and financing for medical services premiums for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, shall be decreased by eight million eight hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred thirty dollars ($8,865,830). Of this amount, four million four hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars ($4,432,915) shall be from the general fund and four million four hundred thirty-two thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars ($4,432,915) shall be from federal funds.

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 5, 2011