

CHAPTER 281

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATE BILL 13-166

BY SENATOR(S) Aguilar, Kefalas;
 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Schafer, Fields, Ginal, Hullinghorst, Labuda, Pettersen, Primavera, Ryden, Young.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED RULES FOR USE IN PROCESSING MEDICAL CLAIMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, EXTENDING THE DEADLINES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDIZED RULES, AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF STATE MONEYS TO HELP FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-37-106, **amend** (2) (d) (III) (B), (2) (d) (V), and (6) (a); and **repeal** (7) as follows:

25-37-106. Clean claims - development of standardized payment rules and code edits - task force to develop - legislative recommendations - short title - applicability. (2) (d) (III) If, at the time the task force submits its report, the national initiative work group has not reached consensus on a complete or partial set of standardized payment rules and claim edits:

(B) The task force shall continue working to develop a complete set of uniform, standardized payment rules and claim edits and, by December 31, ~~2013~~ 2014, shall submit a report and may recommend implementation of a set of uniform, standardized payment rules and claim edits to be used by payers and health care providers.

(V) PAYERS SHALL IMPLEMENT the standardized payment rules and claim edits developed pursuant to subparagraph (III) of this paragraph (d) ~~shall be implemented by payers~~ as follows:

(A) FOR payers that are commercial health plans, ~~shall implement the standardized set of payment rules and claim edits within their claims processing systems~~ according to a schedule outlined in the task force recommendations or by

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January 1, ~~2015~~ 2016, whichever occurs first; and

(B) FOR payers that are domestic, nonprofit health plans, ~~shall implement the standardized set of payment rules and claim edits within their claims processing systems by January 1, 2016~~ 2017.

(6) (a) (I) The executive director of the department of health care policy and financing shall designate a nonprofit or private organization as the custodian of funds for the task force. The designated organization is authorized to accept and expend funds as necessary for the operation of the task force and may solicit and accept monetary and in-kind gifts, grants, and donations for use in furtherance of the task force's duties and responsibilities. Any moneys donated or awarded to the designated organization for the benefit of the task force are not subject to appropriation by the general assembly, and ~~THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION SHALL RETURN any such moneys that are unexpended or unencumbered at the time the task force is dissolved or this section repeals pursuant to subsection (7) of this section shall be returned~~ to the donors or grantors on a pro rata basis, as determined by the designated organization.

(II) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING FOR USE BY THE TASK FORCE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

~~(7) This section is repealed, effective June 30, 2012, unless the executive director of the department of health care policy and financing notifies the revisor of statutes, in writing, that the organization designated pursuant to subsection (6) of this section has certified that, as of June 30, 2012, it has received or has available sufficient moneys to implement this section.~~

SECTION 2. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of health care policy and financing, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the task force established pursuant to section 25-37-106 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, for use in developing a standardized set of payment rules and claim edits related to the implementation of this 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 24, 2013