



HB22-1251

Improve Cardiac Arrest Survivability

Sponsors: Rep. Dylan Roberts & Sen. Jeff Bridges

Background

Prior to 2019, data collected and maintained via multiple database platforms, including those in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO) recorded the incidences of cardiac arrest throughout the state but did not correlate the instances of cardiac arrests to survival outcomes. Because pre-hospital data was not associated with patient outcomes, there was no state program to link the care provided to cardiac patients to enhance their survivability. In 2019, Starting Hearts and the Statewide Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) used data and correlated cardiac outcomes specifically to improve treatments and enhance survivability. In 2021, the registry lost its funding, and this vital patient care service is now in jeopardy. HB22-1251 establishes the Office of Cardiac Arrest Management (Office), provides consistent and reliable funding to sustain the activities of the program to enhance the survivability of cardiac arrest patients statewide.

What the Bill Does – As Amended

- Creates the Office of Cardiac Arrest Management (Office) in the Department of Public Health and Environment.
- Reduces barriers to collecting and analyzing existing sudden cardiac arrest data, including EMS data and outcome data from hospitals that treat sudden cardiac arrest patients, to improve survivability of patients with sudden cardiac arrest.
- The Office will purchase a state CARES subscription allowing all hospitals and health facilities to report sudden cardiac arrests through the state subscription for free.
- Employs a statewide sudden cardiac arrest data coordinator to smooth the connections between the data collected to treatments provided to enhance cardiac arrest survivability.
- Creates and publishes a list of training and education programs that provide CPR and AED training that meet the guidelines published by the American Heart Association.
- Funds an AED awareness campaign and enhances public access to AEDs located in Colorado by promoting a geo-location registry.

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