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# An Act

HOUSE BILL 12-1054

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CONCERNING SIMPLIFICATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR PROVIDERS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-1-128 as follows:

**25.5-1-128. Provider payments - compliance with state fiscal requirements - definitions - rules.** (1) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER A PROGRAM AND WHEN THE PROVIDER HAS ALREADY SIGNED A STATE DEPARTMENT-APPROVED PROVIDER APPLICATION TO PROVIDE A SERVICE OR TO BILL THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR ITS AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR FOR A SERVICE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT-APPROVED PROVIDER APPLICATION SHALL SERVE TO FULFILL

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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.*

THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COMMITMENT VOUCHER AND THE FISCAL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 24-30-202 (1), C.R.S.

(b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO EXEMPT A PROVIDER WHO PROVIDES SERVICES THROUGH A PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) FOR ANY PROGRAM THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ADMINISTER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(I) THE "COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT", ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF THIS TITLE;

(II) THE "CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN ACT", ARTICLE 8 OF THIS TITLE;

(III) THE "COLORADO INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM", PART 1 OF ARTICLE 3 OF THIS TITLE;

(IV) THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25.5-5-318;

(V) PROGRAMS THAT ARE FUNDED THROUGH THE PRIMARY CARE FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 24-22-117 (2) (b), C.R.S.; AND

(VI) THE STATE-FUNDED OLD AGE PENSION HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE PROVIDES, "PROVIDER" MEANS A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, A MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, A PHARMACIST, A HOME HEALTH AGENCY, A GENERAL PROVIDER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25.5-3-103 (3), SCHOOL DISTRICT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25.5-5-318 (1) (a), OR ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES HEALTH CARE, HEALTH CARE COORDINATION, OUTREACH, ENROLLMENT, OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES TO RECIPIENTS THROUGH FEE-FOR-SERVICE, THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN PROGRAM, A MANAGED CARE ENTITY, A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION, A MEDICAL HOME, OR ANY SYSTEM OF CARE THAT COORDINATES HEALTH CARE OR SERVICES AS DEFINED AND AUTHORIZED THROUGH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OR BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

**SECTION 2. 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.

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