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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS
102 FOR A COMMUNITY CLINIC THAT IS A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
103 HEALTH CENTER.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, community clinics, like some other health facilities, are required to obtain a license from, submit to on-site inspections by, and obtain approval of construction plans from the department of public health and environment.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill excludes from the definition of a community clinic any clinic that is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) under the federal "Social Security Act", thereby exempting FQHCs from state licensure and related requirements. **Section 3** of the bill clarifies that while an FQHC will no longer be licensed by the department, an FQHC continues as a general provider under the Colorado indigent care program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 25-1.5-103 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **25-1.5-103. Health facilities - powers and duties of department**
5 **- limitations on rules promulgated by department.** (2) For purposes
6 of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

7 (a.5) "COMMUNITY CLINIC" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FEDERALLY
8 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1861 (aa) (4) OF THE
9 FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395x (aa) (4).

10 **SECTION 2.** 25-3-101 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
11 are amended to read:

12 **25-3-101. Hospitals - health facilities - licensed - definitions.**

13 (1) It is unlawful for any person, partnership, association, or corporation
14 to open, conduct, or maintain any general hospital, hospital unit, ~~as~~
15 ~~defined in subsection (2) of this section,~~ psychiatric hospital, community
16 clinic, rehabilitation center, convalescent center, community mental
17 health center, acute treatment unit, facility for persons with
18 developmental disabilities, habilitation center for ~~brain-damaged~~ children
19 WITH BRAINDAMAGE, chiropractic center and hospital, maternity hospital,
20 nursing care facility, pilot project rehabilitative nursing facility, hospice
21 care, assisted living residence, except an assisted living residence shall be
22 assessed a license fee as set forth in section 25-27-107, dialysis treatment

1 clinic, ambulatory surgical center, birthing center, home care agency, or
2 other facility of a like nature, except those wholly owned and operated by
3 any governmental unit or agency, without first having obtained a license
4 therefor from the department of public health and environment.

5 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
6 REQUIRES:

7 (a) "COMMUNITY CLINIC" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FEDERALLY
8 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1861 (aa) (4) OF THE
9 FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395x (aa) (4).

10 (b) "Hospital unit" means a physical portion of a licensed or
11 certified general hospital, psychiatric hospital, maternity hospital, or
12 rehabilitation hospital ~~which~~ THAT is leased or otherwise occupied
13 pursuant to a contractual agreement by a person other than the licensee of
14 the host facility for the purpose of providing outpatient or inpatient
15 services.

16 **SECTION 3.** 25.5-3-103 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read:

18 **25.5-3-103. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context
19 otherwise requires:

20 (3) "General provider" means ~~any~~ A general hospital, birth center,
21 or community health clinic licensed or certified by the department of
22 public health and environment pursuant to section 25-1.5-103 (1) (a) (I)
23 or (1) (a) (II), C.R.S.; ~~any~~ A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, AS
24 DEFINED IN SECTION 1861 (aa) (4) OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY
25 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395x (aa) (4); A health maintenance organization
26 issued a certificate of authority pursuant to section 10-16-402, C.R.S.; and
27 the health sciences center when acting pursuant to section 25.5-3-108 (5)

1 (a) (I) or (5) (a) (II) (A). For the purposes of the program, "general
2 provider" includes associated physicians.

3 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official
12 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.