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HOUSE BILL 11-1242

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Ferrandino,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Health and Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE SERVICES**
102 **PURSUANT TO THE COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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>.)

The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing (the department) to review certain issues that relate to the provision of both physical and mental health care services to a patient during the same appointment as part of an integrated system of patient care, and any barriers to the integrated care. The department shall seek

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.

input concerning the issues from behavioral health organizations and community mental health centers, as well as other health care providers as determined by the department.

The department shall report to certain committees of the general assembly concerning the issues reviewed pursuant to the bill.

The section repeals on July 1, 2012.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Part 4 of article 4 of title 25.5, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
4 read:

5 **25.5-4-418. Integration of physical and behavioral health**
6 **services - department review - report - repeal.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8 (I) AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO HEALTH CARE ADDRESSES THE
9 MENTAL HEALTH, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, ORAL HEALTH,
10 AND PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF A PATIENT AT THE TIME HEALTH CARE
11 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED;

12 (II) INTEGRATION OF PHYSICAL, ORAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
13 CARE SERVICES REDUCES COSTS, IMPROVES PATIENT HEALTH OUTCOMES,
14 AND CREATES A SEAMLESS CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR THE PATIENT; AND

15 (III) VARIOUS HEALTH CARE REFORM INITIATIVES ARE BEING
16 STUDIED OR IMPLEMENTED IN COLORADO, INCLUDING ACCOUNTABLE CARE
17 ORGANIZATIONS, MEDICAL HOMES, AND REGIONAL CARE COORDINATION
18 ORGANIZATIONS, ALL OF WHICH SEEK TO IMPROVE THE INTEGRATION OF
19 HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

20 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT
21 CURRENT REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES FOR PROVIDERS PROVIDING PHYSICAL
22 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES ON THE SAME DAY ARE

1 COMPLICATED AND THE POLICIES CREATE A BARRIER TO THE SEAMLESS
2 INTEGRATION OF THESE SERVICES FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PATIENT.

3 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK INPUT FROM BEHAVIORAL
4 HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, AS
5 WELL AS ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AS DETERMINED BY THE
6 STATE DEPARTMENT, AND SHALL REVIEW THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

7 (a) THE STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS
8 AFFECTING THE INTEGRATED DELIVERY OF PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL
9 HEALTH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STATUTES AND REGULATIONS
10 RELATING TO PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT, AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF
11 DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

12 (b) ANY BARRIERS OR OBSTACLES TO THE DELIVERY OF
13 INTEGRATED PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

14 (c) ANY REVISIONS TO STATUTES OR REGULATIONS THAT WOULD
15 FACILITATE THE INTEGRATION OF PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
16 CARE SERVICES; AND

17 (d) INCENTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS THAT MAY
18 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS DELIVERING INTEGRATED HEALTH
19 CARE SERVICES.

20 (3) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2012, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
21 SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY, THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE
23 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND THE HEALTH AND
24 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY
25 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, CONCERNING THE ISSUES REVIEWED PURSUANT
26 TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012.

1 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official
10 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.