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SENATE BILL 25-229

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH**
102 **WORKERS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Under current law, community health workers may be reimbursed through the Colorado medical assistance program as long as the community health worker appears on the voluntary competency-based community health worker registry verifying that the community health worker completed state-approved training and

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credentialing requirements.

The bill eliminates reimbursement for community health workers under the Colorado medical assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-112, **amend** (2); and **repeal** (3) as follows:

25-20.5-112. Voluntary competency-based community health worker registry - requirements - rules - definition. (2) A community health worker must complete a state-approved training program that meets credentialing requirements based on competency statements that represent generalist entry-level core competencies for unlicensed community health workers and ~~must~~ MAY be listed on the department's voluntary competency-based community health worker registry. ~~in order to be reimbursed through the state medical assistance program for providing community health worker covered services to a medicaid member.~~

~~(3) Participation in the voluntary competency-based community health worker registry is not required for community health workers who do not seek reimbursement through medicaid.~~

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 25.5-5-334.

SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill. (1) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of health care policy and financing and the related FTE are decreased as follows:

Executive director's office, general administration

Personal services	\$49,123 (1.0 FTE)
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1	Health, life, and dental	\$5,500
2	Short-term disability	\$69
3	Paid family and medical leave insurance	\$195
4	Unfunded liability amortization equalization	
5	disbursement payments	\$4,346
6	Operating expenses	\$675

7 **Executive director's office, information technology contracts**
8 **and projects**

9	Medicaid management information system	
10	maintenance and projects	\$18,000

11 (2) The decreases of appropriations in subsection (1) of this
12 section are based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal
13 funds received for the 2025-26 state fiscal year by the department of
14 health care policy and financing will decrease by:

15 **Executive director's office, general administration**

16	Personal services	\$49,123
17	Health, life, and dental	\$5,500
18	Short-term disability	\$70
19	Paid family and medical leave insurance	\$196
20	Unfunded liability amortization equalization	
21	disbursement payments	\$4,347
22	Operating expenses	\$675

23 **Executive director's office, information technology contracts**
24 **and projects**

25	Medicaid management information system	
26	maintenance and projects	\$162,000

27 (3) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual

1 general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
2 department of health care policy and financing for medical and long-term
3 care services for Medicaid-eligible individuals are adjusted as follows:

4 (a) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$2,729,115,
5 which is subject to the "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general
6 appropriation act for the same fiscal year; and

7 (b) The cash funds appropriation from the healthcare affordability
8 and sustainability fee cash fund created in section 25.5-4-402.4 (5)(a),
9 C.R.S., is decreased by \$685,499.

10 (4) The decreases of appropriations in subsection (3) of this
11 section are based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal
12 funds received for the 2025-26 state fiscal year by the department of
13 health care policy and financing for medical and long-term care services
14 for Medicaid-eligible individuals will decrease by \$8,012,075.

15 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
18 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
19 institutions.