

HB 25-1124: UNIVERSAL CONTRACTING PROVISION REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsors:

Rep. Rydin

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Bill Outcome: Signed into Law

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Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill changes the current requirements for contracts used by state agencies contracting for behavioral health services.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

<u>House Bill 22-1278</u> required the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to work with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and other state agencies to develop universal contracting provisions to be used by state agencies when contracting for behavioral health services. The bill outlined several requirements for the universal contract.

This bill removes most of those requirements (except the requirements for minimum data collection standards and grievance reporting) and limits the use of the universal contract to behavioral health safety net services. It also adds an additional requirement that individuals have access to necessary care within the behavioral health safety net system. The bill also clarifies that the requirements do not require the expansion of data collection.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for the BHA to update its rules and standards regarding universal behavioral health contracts. At the same time, future workload may minimally decrease in the BHA, HCPF, and other agencies since the bill loosens the requirements placed on them under HB 22-1278. Overall, any impact is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 7, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration

Human Services

Health Care Policy and Financing