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HOUSE BILL 25-1226

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Johnson,

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Bright and Mullica,

House Committees
Health & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING TASKING THE STATEWIDE HEALTH CARE REVIEW**
102 **COMMITTEE WITH STUDYING HEALTH-CARE BILLING PRACTICES**
103 **DURING THE 2025 INTERIM.**

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>.)

The bill tasks the statewide health care review interim committee with studying health-care billing practices across the state during the 2025 interim to:

- Deduce whether patients across the state are receiving timely billing for health-care services, and if not, determine

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- why; and
- Consider potential legislative changes to ensure that patients across the state are guaranteed timely billing for health-care services.

The committee may meet up to 4 times during the 2025 interim to complete this study and must, within 90 days after their final meeting, submit to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health matters a report that contains:

- A brief recap of the committee's meetings;
- The committee's findings; and
- Recommendations, if any, regarding legislative measures that may be taken to improve health-care billing practices to ensure that patients receive timely billing for health-care services.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-221, **add** (1.5)
3 as follows:

4 **10-16-221. Statewide health care review committee - creation**
5 **- membership - duties - repeal.** (1.5) (a) DURING THE 2025 INTERIM,
6 THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET TO STUDY BILLING PRACTICES OF
7 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, HEALTH FACILITIES, AND HEALTH INSURANCE
8 CARRIERS ACROSS THE STATE.

9 (b) THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE STUDY IS TO EXAMINE
10 CURRENT HEALTH-CARE BILLING PRACTICES TO:

11 (I) DEDUCE WHETHER PATIENTS ACROSS THE STATE ARE
12 RECEIVING TIMELY BILLING FOR HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, AND IF NOT,
13 DETERMINE WHY; AND

14 (II) CONSIDER POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO ENSURE THAT
15 PATIENTS ACROSS THE STATE ARE GUARANTEED TIMELY BILLING FOR
16 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.

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18 (c) NO LATER THAN NINETY DAYS FOLLOWING THE FINAL

1 COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 2025 INTERIM, THE COMMITTEE SHALL
2 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND THE
4 SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
5 COMMITTEES, REGARDING THE STUDY. THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN:

6 (I) A SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS, INCLUDING WHO
7 ATTENDED, WHO PRESENTED, AND WHAT TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED;

8 (II) THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS; AND

9 (III) THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR
10 LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER MEASURES THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE
11 HEALTH-CARE BILLING PRACTICES ACROSS THE STATE TO ENSURE
12 PATIENTS RECEIVE TIMELY BILLING FOR HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.

13 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
17 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
18 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
19 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
20 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
21 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.