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**SENATE BILL 25-192** 

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	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE
102	REGULATION OF COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE
103	SERVICE AGENCIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
104	IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2024 SUNSET
105	REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

### **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov/">http://leg.colorado.gov/</a>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Community integrated health-care services (services) are

SENATE 2nd Reading Unamended April 15, 2025 out-of-hospital medical services that may be provided by an emergency medical service provider who obtains a community paramedic endorsement. A community integrated health-care service agency (agency) is an entity or sole proprietorship that manages and offers services.

The bill implements the recommendations in the 2024 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies by:

- Continuing the regulation of agencies by 9 years to 2034;
- Adding clarification that a suspension of, a revocation of, or a refusal to renew an agency's license based on the fact that an owner, manager, or administrator of the agency was convicted of a disqualifying felony or misdemeanor includes circumstances in which the owner, manager, or administrator entered into a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for the felony or misdemeanor;
- Updating language to be gender neutral;
- Changing references from "consumers" to "patients or clients";
- Referencing the definition of service in the statutes governing the regulation of agencies; and
- Defining "service" to include mobile integrated health care and, as determined by rule by the state board of health, care and services provided by practitioners other than community paramedics.
- Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, repeal
- (26)(a)(VII); and **add** (35)(a)(VI) as follows:

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- 4 24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
- 5 and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment legislative
- 6 **declaration repeal.** (26) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
- 7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2025:
- 8 (VII) The functions of the department of public health and
- 9 environment regarding community integrated health-care service agencies
- pursuant to part 13 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S.;
- 11 (35) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled

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1	for repeal on September 1, 2034:
2	(VI) THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
3	ENVIRONMENT REGARDING COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE
4	SERVICE AGENCIES PURSUANT TO PART 13 OF ARTICLE 3.5 OF TITLE 25.
5	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 25-3.5-1307
6	as follows:
7	<b>25-3.5-1307.</b> Repeal of part - review of functions. This part 13
8	is repealed, effective September 1, 2025 SEPTEMBER 1, 2034. Before the
9	repeal, the department's functions under this part 13 shall be reviewed as
10	provided for in IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH section
11	24-34-104. <del>C.R.S.</del>
12	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-1301, amend
13	(1); and <b>add</b> (1.5) as follows:
14	<b>25-3.5-1301. Definitions - rules.</b> As used in this part 13, unless
15	the context otherwise requires:
16	(1) (a) "Community integrated health-care service agency" or
17	"agency" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, nonprofit
18	entity, special district, governmental unit or agency, or licensed or
19	certified health-care facility that is subject to regulation under article 1.5
20	or 3 of this title that manages and offers, directly or by contract,
21	community integrated health-care services EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
22	SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, "COMMUNITY INTEGRATED
23	HEALTH-CARE SERVICE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
24	25-3.5-103 (4.3).
25	(b) "COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE SERVICE" INCLUDES:
26	(I) MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE; AND
27	(II) THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN CARE AND SERVICES AS

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1	DETERMINED BY RULE BY THE BOARD, BY PRACTITIONERS OTHER THAN
2	COMMUNITY PARAMEDICS.
3	(1.5) "COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE SERVICE AGENCY"
4	OR "AGENCY" MEANS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP,
5	CORPORATION, NONPROFIT ENTITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, GOVERNMENTAL
6	UNIT OR AGENCY, OR LICENSED OR CERTIFIED HEALTH-CARE FACILITY
7	That is subject to regulation under article $1.5\ \mathrm{or}\ 3$ of this title
8	25 THAT MANAGES AND OFFERS, DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACT, COMMUNITY
9	INTEGRATED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.
10	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-1303, amend
11	(1) introductory portion as follows:
12	25-3.5-1303. Minimum standards for community integrated
13	health-care service agencies - adult protective services data system
14	check - rules. (1) In addition to the services that the board, by rule,
15	authorizes a community integrated health-care service agency to perform,
16	an agency may perform any of the services that may be provided through
17	a CARES program pursuant to section 25-3.5-1203 (3) and the tasks and
18	procedures that a community paramedic is authorized to perform within
19	his or her THE COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC'S scope of practice in accordance
20	with section 25-3.5-206 and rules promulgated ADOPTED pursuant to that
21	section. On or before January 1, 2018, The board shall promulgate ADOPT
22	rules providing minimum standards for the operation of an agency within
23	the state. The rules must include the following:
24	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-1305, amend
25	(2)(a), (3)(a)(I), (3)(b), and (3)(c) as follows:
26	25-3.5-1305. License - application - inspection - record check
27	- issuance. (2) (a) The department shall inspect an agency as it deems

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necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of agency consumers PATIENTS OR CLIENTS. An agency shall submit in writing, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, a plan detailing the measures that the agency will take to correct <del>any</del> violations found by the department as a result of an inspection.

- (3) (a) (I) With the submission of an application for a license pursuant to this section, each owner, manager, and administrator of an agency applying for an initial or renewal license shall submit a complete set of his or her THE OWNER'S, MANAGER'S, OR ADMINISTRATOR'S fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing the records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. The Colorado bureau of investigation shall forward the results of a criminal history record check to the department.
- (b) (I) The department may deny a license or renewal of a license if the results of a record check of an owner, manager, or administrator demonstrates that the owner, manager, or administrator has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving conduct that the department determines could pose a risk to the health, safety, or welfare of community integrated health-care service consumers PATIENTS OR CLIENTS.
- (II) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b), "CONVICTED" INCLUDES AN ENTRY OF A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE.
- (c) If an agency applying for an initial license is temporarily unable to satisfy all of the requirements for licensure, the department may issue a provisional license to the agency; except that the department shall

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1	not issue a provisional license to an agency if operation of the agency will
2	adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of the agency's consumers
3	PATIENTS OR CLIENTS. The department may require an agency applying
4	for a provisional license to demonstrate to the department's satisfaction
5	that the agency is taking sufficient steps to satisfy all of the requirements
6	for full licensure. A provisional license is valid for ninety days and may
7	be renewed one time at the department's discretion.
8	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-1306, amend
9	(3) as follows:
10	25-3.5-1306. License denial - suspension - revocation.
11	(3) (a) After conducting a hearing on the matter in accordance with
12	article 4 of title 24, <del>C.R.S.,</del> the department may revoke or refuse to renew
13	an agency license where IF the owner, manager, or administrator of the
14	agency has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving conduct
15	that the department determines could pose a risk to the health, safety, or
16	welfare of the agency's consumers PATIENTS OR CLIENTS.
17	(b) As used in this subsection (3), "convicted" includes an
18	ENTRY OF A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE.
19	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-108, amend
20	(1)(b)(II)(D) as follows:
21	25-3.5-108. EMS system sustainability task force - created -
22	powers and duties - membership - reports - repeal. (1) (b) The task
23	force consists of the following twenty voting members:
24	(II) The following eight members appointed by the director of the
25	department:
26	(D) One individual representing a community integrated
27	health-care service agency, as defined in section 25-3.5-1301(1) SECTION

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1	25-3.5-1301 (1.5), that is licensed pursuant to part 13 of this article 3.5;
2	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-3.1-111, amend
3	(7)(c) as follows:
4	26-3.1-111. Access to CAPS - employment checks -
5	conservatorship and guardianship checks - confidentiality - fees -
6	rules - legislative declaration - definitions. (7) The following
7	employers shall request a CAPS check pursuant to this section:
8	(c) A community integrated health-care service agency, as defined
9	in section 25-3.5-1301 (1) SECTION 25-3.5-1301 (1.5);
10	SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
11	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
13	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
14	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
15	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
16	effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17	November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18	official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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