

COLORADO CENTER

for

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

**Interim Committee on Hospice & Palliative Care
Suggested Legislation & Committee Recommendations
v. 9/17/09**

Suggested Legislation:

Topic	Organization	Detail	Next Steps
1. Hospice / LTC	CO Center	Three topics included in this bill: a. Allow Medicaid to reimburse Long Term Care Hospice patient Room & Board directly to the LTC facility, rather than paying hospices that then pay the LTC facility ("eliminate the pass through"). b. Mandate LTC to use selected MDS measures (e.g., the Flacker Scale) to automatically trigger the offer of a hospice or palliative care consult. c. Allow Medicaid to reimburse hospices directly for providing residential level of care Room & Board in a hospice inpatient facility. d. Medicaid reimbursement of APNs for visits made outside of clinic setting (see 2008 bill).	i. Edie to follow up with Ginny at HCPF.
2. RN Pronouncement of Death	CO Center	Clarification / possible statute change regarding allowing RN's to pronounce death. (Depending on findings, this may or may not be a suggested bill.)	Ask Legislative Council to review existing statute to see if change is needed.
3. Living Will	CO Bar Assn	Updates to living will statute.	?
4. MOST / CPR / APN	CADC / CDPHE / CO Medical Soc.	Three topics included in this bill: a. CO Advance Directive Consortium recommendations regarding MOST. b. CDPHE CPR language edits. c. CO Medical Society recommendations regarding editing HB08-1061 to revert to original language stating physicians may certify terminal illness (rather than physicians or APNs).	?
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Final Report Recommendations:

Recommendation	Accountability
1. CDPHE's hospice licensure revisions, and associated fee structure, accommodate surveys of all licensed hospices at least every 3 years.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
2. CO Indigent Care Program include hospice reimbursement when funding is available.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
3. CO Coroners Assoc. and CO Center to develop collaborative best practice. Future legislative action may be needed.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
4. A State-funded study on palliative care to establish regulations and/or guidelines when funding is available.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
5. CO Private Duty Non-medical Assoc. and CO Center to develop collaborative best practice. Future legislative action may be needed.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
6. Further examination of guardianship system and unbefriended concerns.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
7. Medicaid review of LTC / Hospice Room & Board adjustments to simplify billing processes.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
8. Medicaid coverage of palliative care coordination / home based services by a hospice provider.	Report progress to 2010 Interim Health Care Task Force.
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