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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101      **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE**  
102            **RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A**  
103            **COLORADO ALL-PAYER HEALTH CLAIMS DATABASE FOR THE**  
104            **PURPOSE OF TRANSPARENT PUBLIC REPORTING OF HEALTH CARE**  
105            **INFORMATION.**

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**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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill requires the executive director of the department of health

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

care policy and financing (executive director) to appoint an advisory committee to make recommendations regarding the creation of a Colorado all-payer health claims database for the purpose of transparent public reporting of health care information. The executive director is required to appoint an administrator to create the database. The administrator, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall create the database if sufficient gifts, grants, and donations are received on or before January 1, 2012, to pay for the creation and maintenance of the database. The executive director shall promulgate rules to create and maintain the database. The data shall be made available to the public, state agencies, and private entities consistent with privacy laws. The advisory committee is scheduled to sunset July 1, 2016.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** Part 2 of article 1 of title 25.5, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
4 read:

5           **25.5-1-204. Advisory committee to establish an all-payer**  
6 **health claims database - creation - members - duties - creation of**  
7 **all-payer health claims database - rules - repeal.** (1) (a) WITHIN  
8 FORTY-FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION,  
9 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO  
10 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE  
11 FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A COLORADO ALL-PAYER  
12 CLAIMS DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE REPORTING OF  
13 HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH QUALITY DATA THAT RESULTS IN  
14 TRANSPARENT AND PUBLIC REPORTING OF SAFETY, QUALITY, COST, AND  
15 EFFICIENCY INFORMATION AT ALL LEVELS OF HEALTH CARE. THE  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
17 DATABASE AND DETERMINE WHERE THE DATABASE WILL BE LOCATED.

18           (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF  
19 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

1 (I) A MEMBER OF ACADEMIA WITH EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH CARE  
2 DATA AND COST EFFICIENCY RESEARCH;

3 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A HOSPITAL OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
4 AN ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS HOSPITALS;

5 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INTEGRATED MULTI-SPECIALTY  
6 ORGANIZATION;

7 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS;

8 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE OF SMALL EMPLOYERS THAT PURCHASE  
9 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES, WHICH REPRESENTATIVE IS  
10 NOT A SUPPLIER OR BROKER OF HEALTH INSURANCE;

11 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LARGE EMPLOYERS THAT PURCHASE  
12 HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES, WHICH REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT A  
13 SUPPLIER OR BROKER OF HEALTH INSURANCE;

14 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS, WHICH  
15 REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT A SUPPLIER OR BROKER OF HEALTH INSURANCE;

16 (VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROCESSES  
17 INSURANCE CLAIMS OR CERTAIN ASPECTS OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS  
18 FOR A SEPARATE ENTITY;

19 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT  
20 DEMONSTRATES EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH EMPLOYERS TO ENHANCE  
21 VALUE AND AFFORDABILITY IN HEALTH INSURANCE;

22 (X) A PERSON WITH A DEMONSTRATED RECORD OF ADVOCATING  
23 HEALTH CARE PRIVACY ISSUES ON BEHALF OF CONSUMERS;

24 (XI) A PERSON WITH A DEMONSTRATED RECORD OF ADVOCATING  
25 HEALTH CARE ISSUES ON BEHALF OF CONSUMERS;

26 (XII) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF HEALTH INSURERS, ONE WHO  
27 REPRESENTS NONPROFIT INSURERS AND ONE WHO REPRESENTS FOR-PROFIT

1 INSURERS;

2 (XIII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF DENTAL INSURERS;

3 (XIV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF SAFETY NET CLINICS WHO HAS

4 EXPERIENCE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DATA COLLECTION;

5 (XV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF PHARMACISTS OR AN AFFILIATE

6 SOCIETY;

7 (XVI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS;

8 AND

9 (XVII) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

10 THAT FACILITATE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPROVE HEALTH

11 CARE FOR ALL COLORADANS.

12 (c) THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL SERVE AS EX OFFICIO

13 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

14 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

15 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND

16 ADMINISTRATION;

17 (III) THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

18 AND

19 (IV) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

20 OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

21 (d) (I) THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

22 (II) PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE ADVISORY

23 COMMITTEE SHALL BE REVIEWED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2-3-1203,

24 C.R.S.

25 (2) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

26 TO THE ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING THE DATABASE THAT:

27 (a) INCLUDE SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO MEASURE AND COLLECT

1 DATA RELATED TO HEALTH CARE SAFETY AND QUALITY, UTILIZATION,  
2 HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND COST TO CONSUMERS, PAYERS, AND  
3 PURCHASERS;

4 (b) FOCUS ON DATA ELEMENTS THAT FOSTER QUALITY  
5 IMPROVEMENT AND PEER GROUP COMPARISONS;

6 (c) FACILITATE VALUE-BASED, COST-EFFECTIVE PURCHASING OF  
7 HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURCHASERS AND  
8 CONSUMERS;

9 (d) RESULT IN USABLE AND COMPARABLE INFORMATION THAT  
10 ALLOWS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PURCHASERS, CONSUMERS,  
11 AND DATA ANALYSTS TO IDENTIFY AND COMPARE HEALTH PLANS, HEALTH  
12 INSURERS, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS  
13 REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SAFE, COST-EFFECTIVE, HIGH-QUALITY  
14 HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

15 (e) USE AND BUILD UPON EXISTING DATA COLLECTION STANDARDS  
16 AND METHODS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE DATABASE IN A  
17 COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER;

18 (f) ARE DESIGNED TO MEASURE THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE  
19 DOMAINS: SAFETY, TIMELINESS, EFFECTIVENESS, EFFICIENCY, EQUITY,  
20 AND PATIENT-CENTEREDNESS;

21 (g) INCORPORATE AND UTILIZE CLAIMS, ELIGIBILITY, AND  
22 PROVIDER DATA TO THE EXTENT IT IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD  
23 OF COLLECTING DATA TO MINIMIZE THE COST AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
24 BURDEN ON DATA SOURCES;

25 (h) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF DATA  
26 ON THE UNINSURED;

27 (i) DISCUSS THE HARMONIZATION OF A COLORADO DATABASE

1 WITH OTHER STATES', REGIONS', AND FEDERAL EFFORTS CONCERNING  
2 ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASES;

3 (j) DISCUSS THE HARMONIZATION OF A COLORADO DATABASE  
4 WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATION CONCERNING AN ALL-PAYER CLAIMS  
5 DATABASE;

6 (k) DISCUSS A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE  
7 ADMINISTRATOR MAY REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF THE REQUIRED DATA  
8 ELEMENTS; AND

9 (l) DISCUSS A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE  
10 ADMINISTRATOR MAY CHANGE THE REQUIRED DATA ELEMENTS FOR  
11 SUBMISSION IN A CALENDAR YEAR CONSIDERING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS,  
12 RESOURCES, AND TIME REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE REQUESTS.

13 (3) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SEEK FUNDING FOR THE CREATION  
14 OF THE ALL-PAYER HEALTH CLAIMS DATABASE AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR  
15 THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE DATABASE. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS  
16 RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS ON OR BEFORE  
17 JANUARY 1, 2012, AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE  
18 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY  
19 COMMITTEE, CREATE THE COLORADO ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE. THE  
20 COLORADO ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE SHALL BE OPERATIONAL NO  
21 LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2013.

22 (4) IF SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS RECEIVED AND THE ADMINISTRATOR  
23 IS DIRECTED TO CREATE THE DATABASE, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL:

24 (a) DETERMINE THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED AND THE METHOD OF  
25 COLLECTION, INCLUDING MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY REPORTING OF  
26 HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH QUALITY DATA. IF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
27 REQUIRES MANDATORY REPORTING, COVERCOLORADO, CREATED IN PART

1 5 OF ARTICLE 8 OF TITLE 10, C.R.S., SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE  
2 MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

3 (b) SEEK TO ESTABLISH AGREEMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY REPORTING  
4 OF HEALTH CARE CLAIMS DATA FROM HEALTH CARE PAYERS THAT ARE NOT  
5 SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE  
6 AVAILABILITY OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND SYSTEMWIDE DATA ON  
7 HEALTH CARE COSTS AND QUALITY;

8 (c) SEEK TO ESTABLISH AGREEMENTS OR REQUESTS WITH THE  
9 FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO OBTAIN  
10 MEDICARE HEALTH CLAIMS DATA;

11 (d) DETERMINE THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE  
12 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN A MANNER THAT IS COST-EFFECTIVE AND  
13 REASONABLE FOR DATA SOURCES AND TIMELY, RELEVANT, AND RELIABLE  
14 FOR CONSUMERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURCHASERS, PROVIDERS, AND  
15 POLICYMAKERS;

16 (e) DETERMINE THE REPORTS AND DATA TO BE MADE AVAILABLE  
17 TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
18 INCLUDING CONDUCTING STUDIES AND REPORTING THE RESULTS OF THE  
19 STUDIES;

20 (f) COLLECT, AGGREGATE, DISTRIBUTE, AND PUBLICLY REPORT  
21 PERFORMANCE DATA ON QUALITY, HEALTH OUTCOMES, HEALTH  
22 DISPARITIES, COST, UTILIZATION, AND PRICING IN A MANNER ACCESSIBLE  
23 FOR CONSUMERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURCHASERS, PROVIDERS, AND  
24 POLICYMAKERS;

25 (g) PROTECT PATIENT PRIVACY IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND  
26 FEDERAL MEDICAL PRIVACY LAWS WHILE PRESERVING THE ABILITY TO  
27 ANALYZE DATA AND SHARE WITH PROVIDERS AND PAYERS TO ENSURE

1 ACCURACY PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION;

2 (h) REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON  
3 OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING  
4 THE DATABASE AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATUTORY OR  
5 REGULATORY CHANGES THAT WOULD ADVANCE THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
6 SECTION;

7 (i) PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION OF PUBLIC AND  
8 PRIVATE HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS TO  
9 ENSURE EFFICIENCY, COST-EFFECTIVENESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND  
10 INFORMED CHOICE BY CONSUMERS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURCHASERS.

11 (5) THE ADMINISTRATOR:

12 (a) SHALL INCORPORATE AND UTILIZE AVAILABLE DATA OTHER  
13 THAN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS DATA IF NECESSARY TO MEASURE AND  
14 ANALYZE A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CARE QUALITY, SAFETY, OR COST ISSUE  
15 THAT CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY MEASURED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS  
16 DATA ALONE;

17 (b) SHALL REQUIRE A DATA SOURCE TO SUBMIT DATA NECESSARY  
18 TO IMPLEMENT THE ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE;

19 (c) SHALL DETERMINE THE DATA ELEMENTS TO BE COLLECTED, THE  
20 REPORTING FORMATS FOR DATA SUBMITTED, AND THE USE AND REPORTING  
21 OF ANY DATA SUBMITTED. DATA COLLECTION SHALL ALIGN WITH  
22 NATIONAL STANDARDS WHERE POSSIBLE.

23 (d) MAY AUDIT THE ACCURACY OF ALL DATA SUBMITTED;

24 (e) MAY CONTRACT WITH THIRD PARTIES TO COLLECT AND  
25 PROCESS THE HEALTH CARE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.  
26 THE CONTRACT SHALL PROHIBIT THE COLLECTION OF UNENCRYPTED  
27 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND THE USE OF THE DATA FOR ANY PURPOSE



1 OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE CONTRACT. THE  
2 CONTRACT SHALL REQUIRE THE THIRD PARTY TO TRANSMIT THE DATA  
3 COLLECTED AND PROCESSED UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE  
4 ADMINISTRATOR OR OTHER DESIGNATED ENTITY.

5 (f) MAY SHARE DATA REGIONALLY OR HELP DEVELOP A  
6 MULTI-STATE EFFORT IF RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

7 (6) THE ALL-PAYER HEALTH CLAIMS DATABASE SHALL:

8 (a) BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WHEN DISCLOSED IN A FORM AND  
9 MANNER THAT ENSURES THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF PERSONAL  
10 HEALTH INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, AS A  
11 RESOURCE TO INSURERS, CONSUMERS, EMPLOYERS, PROVIDERS,  
12 PURCHASERS OF HEALTH CARE, AND STATE AGENCIES TO ALLOW FOR  
13 CONTINUOUS REVIEW OF HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION, EXPENDITURES, AND  
14 QUALITY AND SAFETY PERFORMANCE IN COLORADO;

15 (b) BE AVAILABLE TO STATE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES IN  
16 COLORADO ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE, SUBJECT TO  
17 RULES PROMULGATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;

18 (c) BE PRESENTED TO ALLOW FOR COMPARISONS OF GEOGRAPHIC,  
19 DEMOGRAPHIC, AND ECONOMIC FACTORS AND INSTITUTIONAL SIZE;

20 (d) PRESENT DATA IN A CONSUMER-FRIENDLY MANNER.

21 (7) THE COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND RELEASE OF HEALTH CARE  
22 DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT  
23 TO THE FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996", PUB.L. 104-191, AS AMENDED.

25 (8) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS  
26 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, WHICH RULES SHALL INCLUDE  
27 THE ASSESSMENT OF A FINE FOR AN ENTITY REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DATA

1 THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

2 **SECTION 2.** 2-3-1203 (3) (cc), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

4 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The  
5 following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the  
6 designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

7 (cc) July 1, 2016:

8 (III) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AN ALL-PAYER  
9 HEALTH CLAIMS DATABASE CREATED IN SECTION 25.5-1-204 (1), C.R.S.

10 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 shall take 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 (August  
13 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
18 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
19 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.