



Colorado Medical Society

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CMS SUPPORTS
HB 12 - 1300
Concerning Continuation of
Professional Review by
Representative Gardner and Senator Aguilar

HB 12-1300 continues the Colorado Professional Review Act (CPRA, section 12-36.5 CRS), implements the recommendations made by the department of regulatory agencies (DORA) pursuant to DORA's 2011 sunset review report of professional review committees, and amends the bill to modernize this body of law and make it more consistent.

The Importance of Professional Review.

Medical professional review is the process by which physicians evaluate the quality of patient care and professional conduct on the part of their colleagues. The goal of the process is to promote patient safety by means of a thorough analysis of physician performance and timely intervention.

A variety of entities (e.g., hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, medical societies, independent practice associations, etc.) may qualify as professional review entities.

In Colorado, medical professional review is governed by the CPRA and the federal Health Care Quality Improvement Act (HCQIA).

Professional review benefits patients by creating a mechanism for prompt evaluation by informed evaluators, and using findings of that assessment to improve systems of care and professional practice.

Professional Review is an extremely important process to get to the heart of medical errors, improve systems, and enhance patient safety.

Summary:

HB 12-1300-Concerning Professional review committees, and, in connection therewith, implementing the sunset review recommendations of DORA.

Maintain confidentiality, privileges, and immunities:

This bill, consistent with 48 other states, continues the confidentiality, privileges and immunities associated with professional review activities for 7 years. This protection is essential to ensure open and robust discussions among members of the committee. These protections for professional review records and for the work of the professional review committee are essential to ensure the process fulfills its patient safety objectives.

APNs and PAs

This bill authorizes professional review of physician assistant and advance nurse practitioners.

Sharing of professional review records without waiving or violating confidentiality

This bill specifies the sharing of professional review information with:

Medical Board

Nursing Board

The Colorado Department of Public Health

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Joint Commission or other entity granted deeming authority from CMS

By and among authorized entities and their professional review committees

Registering and reporting by professional review entities

This bill requires professional review entities that conduct professional review of physicians, APNs, or PAs to register with The CMB or CNB.

This bill requires the professional review entities that conduct professional review of physicians, APNs, or PAs to report to the respective board the number and type of cases reviewed and the results of such reviews, in the aggregate and without individually identifiable information.

This bill requires the respective boards to publish this summary data in the aggregate and without individually identifiable information as to the physician, PA or APN and the entity.

CMS Asks for your YES Vote on HB 12-1300

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