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SENATE BILL 06-043

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Tochtrop, Gordon, Keller, and Mitchell

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Todd, Butcher, and McCluskey

Senate Committees

Health and Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH**
102 **THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE UNDER THE COLORADO MEDICAL**
103 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Health Care Task Force. Requires the department of health care policy and financing to seek the necessary federal authorization for the reimbursement and provision of home health care services by certified home health agencies through the use of telemedicine. Specifies that the provision of home health care services through the use of telemedicine shall not be limited to the statewide managed care system.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Part 4 of article 4 of title 26, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
4 read:

5 **26-4-421.5. Telemedicine - home health care - federal**
6 **authorization.** (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TELEMEDICINE"
7 SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-36-106 (1)
8 (g), C.R.S.

9 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK THE NECESSARY FEDERAL
10 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT AND PROVISION OF HOME
11 HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MEDICAL
12 EQUIPMENT, DEVICES, AND SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR THE PROVISION OF
13 SUCH SERVICES, BY CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES THROUGH THE USE
14 OF TELEMEDICINE. THE PROVISION OF HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES
15 THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE
16 STATEWIDE MANAGED CARE SYSTEM CREATED IN SUBPART 2 OF PART 1 OF
17 THIS ARTICLE.

18 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
19 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
20 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
21 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
22 constitution (August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,
23 2006); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an
24 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
25 section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of

1 the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
2 governor.