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**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Rep. Todd

**Bill Status:** Senate Health and Human Services

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE UNDER THE COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

### Summary of Assessment

This interim committee bill, recommended by the 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. The bill **does not require** the department to implement the provision of home health care services through telemedicine; statutory authorization would be required to do so. The bill is effective 90 days following final adjournment of the General Assembly (August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2006).

In its current form, the bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact. The department can submit a State Plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to seek authorization for the reimbursement and provision of home health care services through the use of telemedicine without the need for additional resources. Should there be a requirement that the department provide home health care services through telemedicine, the total cost is estimated at \$866,910 in year one and \$101,652 in year two.

### Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy and Financing