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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEDICAL HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

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Bill Summary

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

Defines the term "medical home" as a primary care practice that provides continuous, accessible, and comprehensive medical and nonmedical services to a child and his or her family.

Instructs the state department of health care policy and financing ("department") to develop systems and standards to maximize the number of children who are enrolled in the medical assistance program or the children's basic health plan who have a medical home. Requires the department to report annually their progress toward maximizing the number of children who have a medical home and who are enrolled in the

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.*

medical assistance program or the children's basic health plan.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 25.5-1-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **25.5-1-103. Definitions.** As used in this title, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6 (5.5) "MEDICAL HOME" MEANS A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER  
7 WHO PROVIDES CONTINUOUS, ACCESSIBLE, AND COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL  
8 AND NONMEDICAL SERVICES TO A CHILD AND HIS OR HER FAMILY. A  
9 MEDICAL HOME SHALL OFFER FAMILY-CENTERED, COMPASSIONATE,  
10 CULTURALLY EFFECTIVE CARE AND SENSITIVE, RESPECTFUL  
11 COMMUNICATION TO A CHILD AND HIS OR HER FAMILY. THE SERVICES  
12 AVAILABLE TO A CHILD AND HIS OR HER FAMILY THROUGH A MEDICAL  
13 HOME INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- 14 (a) HEALTH MAINTENANCE AND PREVENTATIVE CARE;  
15 (b) ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE AND HEALTH EDUCATION;  
16 (c) ACUTE AND CHRONIC ILLNESS CARE;  
17 (d) COORDINATION OF MEDICATIONS, SPECIALISTS, AND  
18 THERAPIES;  
19 (e) PROVIDER PARTICIPATION IN HOSPITAL CARE; AND  
20 (f) TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR TELEPHONE CARE.

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

24 **25.5-1-123. Medical homes for children - legislative**  
25 **declaration - duties of the department - reporting requirements.**

1 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

2 (a) THE BEST MEDICAL CARE FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND  
3 ADOLESCENTS IS PROVIDED THROUGH A MEDICAL HOME, AS DEFINED IN  
4 SECTION 25.5-1-103, WHERE QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS  
5 PROVIDE PRIMARY CARE AND HELP MANAGE AND FACILITATE ALL ASPECTS  
6 OF MEDICAL CARE;

7 (b) INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
8 WORK BEST WITH A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY  
9 AND WHO DEVELOPS A PARTNERSHIP OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND  
10 TRUST;

11 (c) MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED THROUGH EMERGENCY  
12 DEPARTMENTS, WALK-IN CLINICS, AND OTHER URGENT-CARE FACILITIES IS  
13 OFTEN MORE COSTLY AND LESS EFFECTIVE THAN CARE GIVEN BY A  
14 PHYSICIAN WITH PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHILD AND HIS OR HER  
15 FAMILY; AND

16 (d) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD STRIVE TO FIND A MEDICAL  
17 HOME FOR EACH CHILD RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH THE STATE  
18 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF THIS TITLE, OR  
19 THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN, ARTICLE 8 OF THIS TITLE.

20 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP SYSTEMS AND  
21 STANDARDS TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE  
22 STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH  
23 PLAN WHO HAVE A MEDICAL HOME.

24 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE  
25 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
26 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON  
27 PROGRESS MADE TOWARD MAXIMIZING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH

1 A MEDICAL HOME WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
2 PROGRAM OR THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN.

3 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.