A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONSUMER INFORMATION AND
TECHNICAL 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. Creates the prescription drug information and technical assistance program to provide prescription drug assistance for recipients of prescription drug benefits pursuant to the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act". Grants rule-making authority to the department of health care policy and financing to establish and administer the program. Requires the department to design a calculation for savings under the program.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 5 of article 5 of title 25.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended by the addition of a new section to read:

25.5-5-507. Prescription drug information and technical assistance program - rules. There is hereby created the prescription drug information and technical assistance program. The program shall provide advice on the prudent use of prescription drugs to persons who receive prescription drug benefits pursuant to this part 5. The state department shall contract with licensed pharmacists for statewide Medicaid pharmacy services and pharmacy consultations for persons receiving prescription drug benefits pursuant to this part 5 regarding how each person may, with the approval of the appropriate prescribing health care provider, avoid dangerous drug interactions, improve patient outcomes, and save the state money for the drugs prescribed. The state department shall promulgate rules to establish and administer the program and to provide incentive payments to pharmacists and physicians who participate in the program. The state department shall design a calculation for savings under the program.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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