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SENATE BILL 07-002

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Stafford, Butcher, Frangas, and Todd

Senate Committees

Health and Human Services
Appropriations

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXTENDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONS WHO**
102 **ARE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO**
103 **EMANCIPATION, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

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. Allows persons younger than 21 years of age who were in the foster care system and who attained the age of 18 years or otherwise became emancipated to continue to be eligible for medicaid.

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.** 25.5-5-201 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **25.5-5-201. Optional provisions - optional groups - repeal.**

5 (1) The federal government allows the state to select optional groups to
6 receive medical assistance. Pursuant to federal law, any person who is
7 eligible for medical assistance under the optional groups specified in this
8 section shall receive both the mandatory services specified in sections
9 25.5-5-102 and 25.5-5-103 and the optional services specified in sections
10 25.5-5-202 and 25.5-5-203. Subject to the availability of federal financial
11 aid funds, the following are the individuals or groups that Colorado has
12 selected as optional groups to receive medical assistance pursuant to this
13 article and articles 4 and 6 of this title:

14 (n) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS ELIGIBLE
15 FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-5-101 (1) (e)
16 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ATTAINING THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OR
17 OTHERWISE BECOMING EMANCIPATED.

18 **SECTION 2.** 24-22-117 (2) (a) (II) (G) and (2) (a) (II) (H),
19 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 24-22-117 (2) (a)
20 (II) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
21 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

22 **24-22-117. Tobacco tax cash fund - accounts - creation -**
23 **repeal.** (2) There are hereby created in the state treasury the following
24 funds:

25 (a) (II) Except as provided in subparagraphs (III) and (IV) of this
26 paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2005-06 and each fiscal year thereafter,
27 moneys in the health care expansion fund shall be annually appropriated

1 by the general assembly to the department of health care policy and
2 financing for the following purposes:

3 (G) To provide up to five hundred forty thousand dollars for
4 cost-effective marketing to increase the enrollment of eligible children
5 and pregnant women in the children's basic health plan, article 8 of title
6 25.5, C.R.S.; and

7 (H) To provide presumptive eligibility to pregnant women under
8 the medical assistance program, articles 4, 5, and 6 of title 25.5, C.R.S.;

9 AND

10 (I) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EXTENDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY
11 FOR PERSONS WHO ARE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY PRIOR
12 TO EMANCIPATION, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25.5-5-201 (1) (n), C.R.S.

13 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other
14 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, to the department of health
15 care policy and financing, for allocation to the executive director's office,
16 for the Medicaid management information system contract, for the fiscal
17 year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of thirty-four thousand four hundred
18 fifty dollars (\$34,450), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the
19 implementation of this act. Of said sum, eight thousand six hundred
20 thirteen dollars (\$8,613) shall be from the health care expansion fund
21 created in section 24-22-117 (2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, and
22 twenty-five thousand eight hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$25,837) shall
23 be from federal funds.

24 (2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby
25 appropriated, to the department of human services, for allocation to the
26 office of information technology services, for Colorado trails, for the
27 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum eight thousand five hundred

1 fifty dollars (\$8,550), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the
2 implementation of this act. Of said sum, four thousand two hundred
3 seventy-five dollars (\$4,275) shall be from the health care expansion fund
4 created in section 24-22-117 (2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, and
5 four thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$4,275) shall be from
6 federal funds.

7 (3) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby
8 appropriated, to the department of health care policy and financing, for
9 allocation to the medical services premiums division, for medical services
10 premiums, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of three
11 million nine hundred thousand eight hundred fifty-nine dollars
12 (\$3,900,859), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the
13 implementation of this act. Of said sum, one million nine hundred fifty
14 thousand four hundred thirty dollars (\$1,950,430) shall be from the
15 health care expansion fund created in section 24-22-117 (2) (a) (I),
16 Colorado Revised Statutes, and one million nine hundred fifty thousand
17 four hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$1,950,429) shall be from federal
18 funds.

19 (4) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby
20 appropriated, to the department of health care policy and financing, for
21 allocation to the Medicaid mental health community programs division,
22 for mental health capitation payments for Medicaid eligible clients, for
23 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of four million three
24 hundred eighty thousand eight hundred seventy-one dollars (\$4,380,871),
25 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this
26 act. Of said sum, two million one hundred ninety thousand four hundred
27 thirty-five dollars (\$2,190,435) shall be from the health care expansion

1 fund created in section 24-22-117 (2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes,
2 and two million one hundred ninety thousand four hundred thirty-six
3 dollars (\$2,190,436) shall be from federal funds.

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