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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
102 **TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

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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.)*

**Sunset Process - House Health and Human Services Committee.** Expands the authority of a municipality with a population of 20,000 people or less to contract with any licensed health care provider to provide services for the municipality. Repeals the sunset of the contracting authority of the municipalities.

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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.** 31-15-302 (1) (i), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **31-15-302. Financial powers - legislative declaration.** (1) The  
5 governing bodies in municipalities shall have the following general  
6 powers in relation to the finances of the municipality:

7 (i) (I) For a municipality that has a population of twenty thousand  
8 or fewer residents, to enter into contracts with a ~~physician, nurse~~  
9 ~~practitioner, or physician's assistant~~ HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, who is  
10 licensed in this state, to provide health care services to such municipality.  
11 Such health care providers shall be known as "community contracted  
12 health care providers".

13 (II) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares  
14 that access to health care services in rural areas is an increasing problem  
15 in Colorado. Some rural Coloradans do not have access to a primary care  
16 provider in their town and are forced to travel. It is the intent of the  
17 general assembly to ease the strain on rural Coloradan's health care needs  
18 by allowing a municipality with twenty thousand or fewer residents to  
19 contract with a ~~physician, a nurse practitioner, or a physician's assistant~~  
20 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER to provide health care services to rural areas. ~~It~~  
21 ~~is the intention of the general assembly to review the success of such~~  
22 ~~municipalities' efforts as authorized by subparagraph (I) of this paragraph~~  
23 ~~(i) to determine the effectiveness of the program.~~

24 (III) ~~This paragraph (i) is repealed, effective July 1, 2008. Prior~~  
25 ~~to such repeal, the use of community contracted health care providers~~  
26 ~~shall be reviewed as provided for in section 24-34-104 (39) (b) (XIV);~~  
27 ~~C.R.S.~~

1           **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 24-34-104 (39) (b) (XIV), Colorado  
2 Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

3           **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
4 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

5 (39) (b) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on  
6 July 1, 2008:

7           ~~(XIV) Review of the use of community contracted health care~~  
8 ~~providers pursuant to section 31-15-302 (1), C.R.S., by the department of~~  
9 ~~public health and environment in cooperation with the department of~~  
10 ~~regulatory agencies;~~

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