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HOUSE BILL 08-1215

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Roberts and Kefalas, Frangas, Gagliardi, Garza-Hicks, Green, Kerr J., Marostica, McGihon, Primavera, Riesberg, Stafford, Swalm, Borodkin, Looper, Madden, Massey, Merrifield, Solano, and Weissmann;
also SENATOR(S) Boyd, and Kester.

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

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

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

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

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

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

care providers".

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

(III) ~~This paragraph (i) is repealed, effective July 1, 2008.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

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 Repeal. 24-34-104 (39) (b) (XIV), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (39) (b) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July 1, 2008:

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

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.

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