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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD TO REVIEW GRIEVANCES RELATED TO THE COLORADO INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM.

Summary of Legislation

The bill, as amended by the **House Health and Human Services Committee**, allows the Comprehensive Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program to provide grants to establish accountability boards that would review grievances from clients served through the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP). Accountability boards established under the grant program are required to make recommendations to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for improving the CICP. Unless a referendum petition is filed, the bill is effective August 4, 2009, assuming that the General Assembly adjourns as scheduled.

Background

CICP. The CICP partially reimburses health care providers for medical services provided to the uninsured who have incomes up to 250 percent of poverty and who do not qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Basic Health Plan. The CICP is not an entitlement program, and it does not offer a defined list of benefits. It is a safety net program for people who do not have the means to pay for health care. The program provides partial reimbursement for about 172,500 Coloradans to 45 participating hospitals and 16 clinics.

Comprehensive Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program. The program provides grants to health care providers to expand primary care and preventive services to uninsured or medically indigent residents. Funding is from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Trust Fund, federal funds, and donations.

Assessment

This bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. The fiscal note assumes that the current advisory council for the Comprehensive Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program will review any new applications as part of its normal duties, and that total funding for grants will not change. In addition, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is expected to establish procedures for accountability boards and respond to their recommendations within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy and Financing

Regulatory Agencies