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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL REVIEW OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) licenses all health care facilities and designates some hospitals as trauma care centers to receive and treat critical injuries. Currently, licensed care facilities must have an approved quality management program which includes peer reviews of licensed professionals at the facility.

This bill specifies that designated trauma care facilities include peer review information for professionals who provide pre-hospital emergency service (e.g., ambulances, first responders, emergency rescue). Peer reviews are confidential information and may not be used as evidence in any civil or administrative proceeding.

Assessment

This bill requires that quality management information collected by the CDPHE from designated trauma centers include peer review information for providers of pre-hospital emergency medical services. Collecting and evaluating this additional information from service providers will not increase the work of the department; however, this information will serve the department's efforts to manage quality improvement at licensed facilities. The bill clarifies that any information collected from service providers is confidential and may not be used for civil or administrative enforcement. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Law Public Health and Environment Regulatory Agencies