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**HOUSE BILL 10-1103**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE RELIEF FUND FOR CHILDREN**  
102             **WITH A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION, AND MAKING AN**  
103             **APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Interim Committee on the Developmental Disability Waiting List.** The bill creates the relief fund for children with a catastrophic medical condition (fund) and the commission for the relief fund for children with a catastrophic medical condition (commission).

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.*

The bill defines a catastrophic medical condition as an illness, a condition, or chronic care needs where the medical expenses are not covered by any other state or federal program or any insurance contract and exceed 10% of the first \$100,000 of annual income of a family plus 15% of the excess income over \$100,000.

The bill outlines basic eligibility for receiving financial assistance from the fund and lists medical and related expenses toward which the financial assistance may be applied. State agencies are authorized to seek public and private moneys for deposit into the fund.

Membership for the commission is described, as well as the powers and duties of the commission. The commission is authorized to negotiate or settle a claim that the fund maintains for reimbursement against a family who has received assistance for the medical and related expenses of a child with a catastrophic medical condition and has recovered damages in a legal action for the child's medical and related expenses.

For the purposes of providing the moneys necessary to establish the fund and meet the purposes of the bill, health coverage carriers shall charge a one-dollar annual surcharge on the premium for each covered resident, which shall then be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the fund.

Finally, the bill requires the commission to submit an annual report to the health and human services committees of the house of representatives and the senate on the activities of the commission and fund.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 1 of title 25.5, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
4 read:

5           **25.5-1-126. Relief fund for children with a catastrophic**  
6 **medical condition - creation - eligibility - expenses covered -**  
7 **commission created - funding - reporting.** (1) AS USED IN THIS  
8 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9           (a) "CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION" MEANS AN ILLNESS, A  
10 CONDITION, OR CHRONIC CARE NEEDS IN WHICH THE MEDICAL EXPENSES  
11 ARE NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAM OR ANY

1 INSURANCE CONTRACT AND THE MEDICAL EXPENSES EXCEED TEN PERCENT  
2 OF A FAMILY'S GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FOR FAMILIES EARNING LESS THAN  
3 ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OR FIFTEEN PERCENT OF A FAMILY'S  
4 GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FOR FAMILIES EARNING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED  
5 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

6 (b) "CHILD" MEANS A PERSON TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR  
7 YOUNGER WHO HAS A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION.

8 (c) "CHILD'S FAMILY" MEANS A CHILD AND THE CHILD'S PARENT OR  
9 LEGAL GUARDIAN WHO IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S  
10 MEDICAL EXPENSES.

11 (d) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION FOR THE RELIEF FUND  
12 FOR CHILDREN WITH A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION CREATED IN  
13 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (e) "FUND" MEANS THE RELIEF FUND FOR CHILDREN WITH A  
15 CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
16 SECTION.

17 (f) "INCOME" MEANS ALL INCOME, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE  
18 DERIVED, ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY A CHILD'S FAMILY.

19 (g) "RESIDENT" MEANS A PERSON LEGALLY DOMICILED WITHIN THE  
20 STATE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF  
21 APPLICATION TO THE FUND. MERE SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE  
22 WITHIN THE STATE, OF WHATEVER DURATION, DOES NOT CONSTITUTE  
23 DOMICILE. THE BURDEN OF ESTABLISHING LEGAL DOMICILE WITHIN THE  
24 STATE IS UPON THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD.

25 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
26 RELIEF FUND FOR CHILDREN WITH A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION.  
27 THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS

1 RECEIVED, ANY APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE  
2 MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. ANY  
3 STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT  
4 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES FOR  
5 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT A GIFT, GRANT, OR  
6 DONATION SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT  
7 ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE.  
8 ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MONEYS RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
9 DONATIONS OR APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE  
10 TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME  
11 TO THE FUND. ALL MONEYS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
12 SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT  
13 THE SAME TO THE FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO  
14 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND  
15 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS  
16 SECTION.

17 (b) ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE  
18 OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS  
19 PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE  
20 INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED  
21 TO THE FUND.

22 (c) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING  
23 IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND  
24 AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR  
25 ANOTHER FUND; EXCEPT THAT MONEYS FROM THE FUND MAY BE  
26 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND TO OFFSET ANY EMPLOYEE-RELATED  
27 IMPACT TO THE GENERAL FUND THAT IS A RESULT OF THE

1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

2 (d) THE COMMISSION MAY EXPEND UP TO FOUR PERCENT OF THE  
3 MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND TO OFFSET THE COSTS  
4 INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

5 (3) (a) A CHILD WITH A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION WHO  
6 IS A RESIDENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, THROUGH HIS OR HER PARENT  
7 OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, TO THE FUND.

8 (b) WHENEVER A CHILD WITH A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL  
9 CONDITION IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, THE CHILD, THROUGH HIS OR  
10 HER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
11 FROM MONEYS IN THE FUND, SUBJECT TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
12 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION  
13 AND THE AVAILABILITY OF MONEYS IN THE FUND.

14 (c) THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT  
15 LIMITED TO, PAYMENTS OR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF MEDICAL  
16 TREATMENT, HOSPITAL CARE, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, NURSING CARE,  
17 RESPITE CARE BUT NOT INCLUDING EMERGENCY RESPITE CARE, PHYSICIAN  
18 SERVICES, RESPITE AND MEDICALLY NECESSARY SUPPLIES, FORMULA AND  
19 DIAPERS, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, HOME MODIFICATIONS AND  
20 ADAPTATIONS TO TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE CATASTROPHIC  
21 MEDICAL CONDITION, AND OTHER IDENTIFIABLE FINANCIAL NEEDS  
22 RELATED TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF A CHILD WITH A  
23 CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION.

24 (4) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE  
25 COMMISSION FOR THE RELIEF FUND FOR CHILDREN WITH A CATASTROPHIC  
26 MEDICAL CONDITION. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF THE  
27 FOLLOWING ELEVEN MEMBERS:

1 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, OR HIS  
2 OR HER DESIGNEE;

3 (II) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
4 ENVIRONMENT, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

5 (III) THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

6 (IV) THE FOLLOWING EIGHT MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE  
7 GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010:

8 (A) TWO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO SPECIALIZE IN CARE FOR  
9 CHILDREN;

10 (B) TWO PERSONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ADVOCACY GROUPS FOR  
11 PERSONS WITH CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS; [REDACTED]

12 (C) TWO CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE A CATASTROPHIC  
13 MEDICAL CONDITION.

14 (D) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY; AND

15 (E) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

16 (b) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE FOR THREE-YEAR  
17 TERMS; EXCEPT THAT, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED BY THE  
18 GOVERNOR, ONE-THIRD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS;  
19 ONE-THIRD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS; AND ONE-THIRD  
20 SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
21 DESIGNATE THE LENGTH OF TERMS FOR EACH OF THE MEMBERS FIRST  
22 APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (4). VACANCIES  
23 SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE  
24 UNEXPIRED TERM.

25 (c) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING NO LATER  
26 THAN OCTOBER 1, 2010, AT WHICH MEETING THE MEMBERS SHALL ELECT  
27 A CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, RURAL PARTICIPATION

1 SHALL BE ENCOURAGED THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA FOR  
2 MEETINGS.

3 (d) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
4 COMPENSATION.

5 (e) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND  
6 DUTIES:

7 (I) TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ADMINISTER THE FUND AND  
8 AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OR MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT OF THE MEDICAL  
9 AND RELATED EXPENSES OF CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE MONEYS  
10 FROM THE FUND;

11 (II) TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING TO THE FUND,  
12 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT OF  
13 MEDICAL AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR CHILDREN, AND PROCESSING CLAIM  
14 DISPUTES;

15 (III) TO SCREEN EACH APPLICANT FOR OTHER SOURCES OF  
16 COVERAGE AND FOR POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS  
17 AND TO DOCUMENT THE RESULTS OF THE SCREENING. IF THE COMMISSION  
18 DETERMINES THAT AN APPLICANT IS POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID  
19 OR ANOTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSIST THE  
20 APPLICANT IN APPLYING FOR BENEFITS UNDER SUCH PROGRAM.

21 (IV) TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE  
22 FUND WHERE A CHILD'S FAMILY, AFTER RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE  
23 FUND, RECOVERS THE COSTS FOR THE ELIGIBLE CHILD'S MEDICAL AND  
24 RELATED EXPENSES FOR A CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION PURSUANT  
25 TO A SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT IN A LEGAL ACTION. THE COMMISSION IS  
26 AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE OR SETTLE A CLAIM THAT THE FUND  
27 MAINTAINS FOR REIMBURSEMENT AGAINST A CHILD'S FAMILY WHO HAS

1 RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FOR THE MEDICAL AND RELATED EXPENSES OF A  
2 CHILD AND HAS RECOVERED DAMAGES IN A LEGAL ACTION FOR THE  
3 CHILD'S MEDICAL AND RELATED EXPENSES. ANY MONEYS RECOVERED  
4 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE  
5 FUND.

6 (V) TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE  
7 MEDICAL AND RELATED EXPENSES OF EACH CHILD WITH A CATASTROPHIC  
8 MEDICAL CONDITION USING A SLIDING-FEE SCALE BASED ON THE CHILD'S  
9 FAMILY'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR MEDICAL AND RELATED EXPENSES, TAKING  
10 INTO ACCOUNT THE SIZE, INCOME AND ASSETS, AND MEDICAL AND  
11 RELATED EXPENSES OF THE CHILD'S FAMILY;

12 (VI) TO ADJUST THE FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA BASED ON  
13 THE MONEYS AVAILABLE IN THE FUND;

14 (VII) TO IDENTIFY OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME TO CONTRIBUTE TO  
15 THE FUND THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS;

16 (VIII) TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE FUND TO THE  
17 PUBLIC;

18 (IX) TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS ON EACH CHILD WHO  
19 APPLIES FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND; AND

20 (X) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (5) FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THE MONEYS NECESSARY TO  
23 ESTABLISH THE FUND AND MEET THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
24 CARRIERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-16-102 (8), C.R.S., SHALL CHARGE  
25 AN ASSESSMENT OF ONE DOLLAR ON HEALTH AND DENTAL POLICIES FOR  
26 EACH COVERED LIFE IN THE STATE, EXCEPT FOR COVERAGE THROUGH THE  
27 CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN. THE CARRIERS SHALL TRANSMIT THE



1       MONEYS COLLECTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL DEPOSIT THE  
2       MONEYS IN THE FUND.

3               (6) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012, AND EACH JANUARY 1  
4       THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
5       THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
6       REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,  
7       SUMMARIZING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE FUND,  
8       INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED, THE  
9       AMOUNT OF MONEY DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FUND, AND THE AMOUNT OF  
10      MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT.

11              **SECTION 2.** 10-16-110, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
12      BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

13              **10-16-110. Fees paid by health coverage entities.** (1.5) EACH  
14      CARRIER, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 1, 3, OR 4 OF THIS ARTICLE,  
15      SHALL CHARGE AN ASSESSMENT OF ONE DOLLAR ON HEALTH AND DENTAL  
16      POLICIES FOR EACH COVERED LIFE IN THE STATE, EXCEPT FOR COVERAGE  
17      THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN. THE CARRIERS SHALL  
18      TRANSMIT THE MONEYS COLLECTED TO THE STATE TREASURER WHO SHALL  
19      DEPOSIT THE MONEYS IN THE RELIEF FUND FOR CHILDREN WITH A  
20      CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL CONDITION CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-126 (2),  
21      C.R.S.

22              **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the implementation of this  
23      act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the  
24      fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, to the department of health care policy  
25      and financing shall be adjusted as follows:

26              (a) The cash fund appropriation to the executive director's division  
27      for general administration is increased by seventy-eight thousand nine

1 hundred sixty-four dollars (\$78,964) and 1.5 FTE. Said sum shall be  
2 from the relief fund for children with a catastrophic medical condition  
3 created in section 25.5-1-126 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes.

4 (b) The cash appropriation to the other medical services for  
5 financial assistance for families is increased by two million seven  
6 hundred sixty-one thousand seven hundred fifty-three dollars  
7 (\$2,761,753). Said sum shall be from the relief fund for children with a  
8 catastrophic medical condition created in section 25.5-1-126 (2) (a),  
9 Colorado Revised Statutes.

10 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
11 **applicability.** (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day  
12 following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment  
13 of the general assembly (August 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on  
14 May 12, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to  
15 section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an  
16 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
17 section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
18 general election to be held in November 2010 and shall take effect on the  
19 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

20 (2) The provisions of this act shall apply to insurance policies in  
21 place on or after January 1, 2011.