

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 15-1075**

First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

Current law prohibits a registered naturopathic doctor (ND) from treating a child who is under 2 years of age. The bill permits an ND to treat a child who is under 2 years of age if the ND:

- ! Provides the child's parent with the current recommended immunization schedule for children;
- ! Demonstrates, ~~prior to treating a child under 2 years of age~~ and in each year in which the ND treats a child under 2 years of age, completion of 3 5 hours per year of education or training in pediatrics, *including subject matter related to recognizing a sick infant and when to refer an infant for more intensive care. If the ND completes 3 hours of education or training as required to treat children between 2 and 8 years of age, the ND need only complete an additional 2 hours of education or training to satisfy this requirement;*
- ! *Develops and executes a written collaborative agreement with a licensed pediatrician or family physician that contains the duties and responsibilities for each party and a process for consulting with and referring to a licensed physician to facilitate the effective treatment of children under 2 years of age;*
- ! Requires the child's parent to sign an informed consent acknowledging that the ND is registered under the "Naturopathic Doctor Act" and is not a licensed physician, recommending that the child maintain a relationship with a licensed pediatric health care provider, and requesting permission to collaborate with the child's pediatric health care provider;
- ! On the first visit, refers a child who does not have a relationship with a pediatric health care provider to a licensed physician who treats pediatric patients ~~for a wellness evaluation~~ *to provide a medical home for the child, with ongoing communication and relationship between the ND and the licensed pediatric health care provider;* and
- ! Complies with director rules pertaining to the training, referral, and communication requirements.