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**SENATE BILL 16-199** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING PROGRAMS OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY
102	AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DETERMINING THE
103	CAPITATED RATE FOR SERVICES, CREATING AN OMBUDSMAN FOR
104	PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE
105	ELDERLY, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

## **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 <a href="http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries">http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries</a>.)

The bill requires that contracts between the department of health care policy and financing (department) and an organization providing a

SENATE d Reading Unamended May 4, 2016

SENATE Amended 2nd Reading May 3, 2016 program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) include the negotiated monthly capitated rate for services. The rate must be less than the amount that would have been paid under the medicaid state plan if the PACE participants were not enrolled in a PACE program.

The department shall participate with Colorado PACE organizations to develop an actuarially sound upper payment limit methodology that meets conditions stated in the bill. The department shall provide data relevant to computing the upper payment limit, and the computation shall be made with the assistance of an actuary.

Until the upper payment limit methodology is developed and adopted in medical services board rules, the percentage of the upper payment limit used to calculate the monthly capitated rate shall not be less than the percentage negotiated for the 2016-17 state fiscal year.

The bill creates the state PACE ombudsman (ombudsman) in the state long-term care ombudsman program. Each PACE program shall post a notice informing PACE participants of the existence of and contact information for the ombudsman. The ombudsman shall have immediate access to a PACE program or facility and to PACE participants for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the ombudsman.

The bill includes a civil penalty for willful interference with the ombudsman and for retaliation against a PACE participant or other person or entity contacting the ombudsman.

The bill sets forth the duties of the ombudsman, including, among others, establishing statewide policies and procedures to identify, investigate, and seek the resolution or referral of complaints made by or on behalf of a PACE participant related to any action, inaction, or decision of a PACE organization that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, or rights of the PACE participant.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-412, amend

3 (12); and **add** (7) (d) as follows:

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4 25.5-5-412. Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly -

5 legislative declaration - services - eligibility - rules - definitions -

**repeal.** (7) For purposes of this section:

7 (d) "UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT" MEANS A FEDERAL UPPER PAYMENT

8 LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF THE MEDICAID PAYMENT FOR WHICH FEDERAL

9 FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE FOR A CLASS OF SERVICES AND A

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1	CLASS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AS SPECIFIED IN 42 CFR 447.
2	(12) (a) The general assembly shall make appropriations to the
3	state department to fund services under this section provided at a monthly
4	capitated rate. The state department shall annually renegotiate a monthly
5	capitated rate for the contracted services.
6	(b) Repealed.
7	(c) THE MONTHLY CAPITATED RATE NEGOTIATED WITH THE STATE
8	DEPARTMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WITH THE PACE
9	ORGANIZATION AND MUST BE BASED UPON A PROSPECTIVE MONTHLY
10	CAPITATION PAYMENT TO A PACE ORGANIZATION FOR A MEDICAID
11	PARTICIPANT ENROLLED IN A PACE PROGRAM THAT IS LESS THAN WHAT
12	WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN PAID UNDER THE STATE MEDICAID PLAN IF
13	THE PARTICIPANT WERE NOT ENROLLED IN THE PACE PROGRAM.
14	(d) (I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF
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14 15	(d) (I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF COLORADO PACE ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL DEVELOP AN ACTUARIALLY
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li></ul>	(d) (I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF COLORADO PACE ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL DEVELOP AN ACTUARIALLY SOUND UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY THAT COMPLIES WITH
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li><li>17</li></ul>	(d) (I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF COLORADO PACE ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL DEVELOP AN ACTUARIALLY SOUND UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY THAT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL LAW RELATING TO PACE ORGANIZATIONS AND ADDRESSES A
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SUPPORTS NEEDS OF THE PACE-COMPARABLE POPULATION, AS WELL AS

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1	RELEVANT MEDICARE AND MEDICAID CLAIMS, COST, UTILIZATION, AND
2	VITAL STATISTICS DATA NECESSARY FOR THE COMPUTATION. THE UPPER
3	PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY MUST APPLY GRADE OF MEMBERSHIP
4	METHODS TO CHARACTERIZE THE HEALTH DEFICIT STRUCTURE OF
5	LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS POPULATIONS, DEMONSTRATING AN
6	EMPIRICAL UPPER <u>PAYMENT LIMIT.</u>
7	(III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH (d)
8	TO THE CONTRARY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO
9	DEVELOP AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY PURSUANT TO THIS
10	PARAGRAPH (d) OR COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH
11	(I) OF PARAGRAPH (e) OF THIS SUBSECTION (12) IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT
12	DOES NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS TO FUND
13	THE CONTRACT FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH
14	(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (d).
15	(e) (I) CONTINGENT UPON ANY NECESSARY FEDERAL APPROVAL,
16	<u>UNTIL</u> THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY IS DEVELOPED
17	PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS SUBSECTION (12) AND ADOPTED IN
18	STATE BOARD RULES, THE PERCENTAGE OF THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT
19	USED TO CALCULATE THE MONTHLY CAPITATED RATE SHALL NOT BE LESS
20	THAN THE PERCENTAGE NEGOTIATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITH
21	THE PACE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE 2016-17 STATE FISCAL YEAR.
22	(II) This paragraph $\underline{(e)}$ is repealed, effective July 1 of the
23	YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</u> NOTIFIES
24	THE REVISOR OF STATUTES THAT THE STATE BOARD HAS ADOPTED RULES
25	RELATING TO THE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY DEVELOPED
26	PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS SUBSECTION (12).
27	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-102, amend

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1	(2) as follows:
2	<b>26-11.5-102.</b> Legislative declaration. (2) The general assembly
3	finds, determines, and declares that it is the public policy of this state to
4	encourage community contact and involvement with patients, residents,
5	and clients of long-term care facilities AND PACE PROGRAMS.
6	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-103, add
7	(5.3), (5.5), and (8) as follows:
8	26-11.5-103. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the
9	context otherwise requires:
10	(5.3) "PACE" MEANS A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT PROGRAM OF
11	ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY OPERATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
12	25.5-5-412, C.R.S.
13	(5.5) "PACE PARTICIPANT" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A
14	CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE OR FORMER PATIENT OR CLIENT OF ANY PACE
15	PROGRAM IN THE STATE.
16	(8) "STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN" MEANS THE PERSON DESIGNATED
17	TO IMPLEMENT THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
18	SECTION 26-11.5-113.
19	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-104, <u>amend</u>
20	(3); and add (4) as follows:
21	26-11.5-104. Creation of state long-term care ombudsman
22	program-state PACE ombudsman. (3) Local ombudsman programs
23	shall be established statewide. Such programs shall be operated by the
24	state department under contract, grant, or agreement between the state
25	department and a public agency or an appropriate private nonprofit
26	organization. Personnel of local programs shall be trained and designated
27	as qualified representatives of the office in accordance with section

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1	<u>26-11.5-105 (1) (b).</u>
2	(4) A STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE
3	STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM TO CARRY OUT THE
4	DUTIES SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-11.5-113.
5	<b>SECTION 5.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-107, <b>add</b> (3)
6	as follows:
7	<b>26-11.5-107.</b> Notice of ombudsman services. (3) EVERY PACE
8	PROGRAM SHALL POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT ALL PACE FACILITIES
9	AND PROVIDE TO ALL PACE PARTICIPANTS, IN WRITING, A NOTICE WITH
10	THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE PACE OMBUDSMAN, OR
11	HIS OR HER DESIGNEE. THE STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN SHALL PROVIDE THE
12	NOTICE TO BE POSTED BY THE PACE PROGRAM.
13	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-108, amend
14	(2); and <b>add</b> (2.5) as follows:
15	26-11.5-108. Access to facility - residents - records -
16	confidentiality. (2) In performing ombudsman duties and functions OF
17	THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES in accordance with this article an ombudsman
18	shall have access to review the medical and social records of a resident
19	OR PACE PARTICIPANT eligible for ombudsman services pursuant to this
20	article, provided the resident OR PACE PARTICIPANT has consented to
21	such review. In the event consent to such review is not available because
22	the resident OR PACE PARTICIPANT is incapable of consenting and has no
23	guardian to provide such consent, inspection of such THE RESIDENT'S
24	RECORDS OR PACE PARTICIPANT'S records may be made INSPECTED by the
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	state long-term care ombudsman OR THE STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN,
26	state long-term care ombudsman or the State PACE OMBUDSMAN, RESPECTIVELY.

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1	OMBUDSMAN IDENTIFICATION CARD, SHALL HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO
2	A PACE PROGRAM OR FACILITY AND TO ITS PACE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE
3	PURPOSES OF EFFECTIVELY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
4	ARTICLE.
5	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-109, amend
6	(2) introductory portion and $(4)$ (a); and add $(2)$ (c) and $(2)$ (d) as follows:
7	26-11.5-109. Interference with ombudsmen prohibited - civil
8	penalty. (2) No person shall take any discriminatory, disciplinary, or
9	retaliatory action against the following individuals for any communication
10	with an ombudsman or for any information provided in good faith to the
11	STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN office OR TO THE STATE PACE
12	OMBUDSMAN OFFICE in carrying out its THEIR RESPECTIVE OMBUDSMAN
13	duties and responsibilities under this article:
14	(c) ANY PACE PARTICIPANT; OR
15	(d) ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A PROGRAM, ORGANIZATION,
16	FACILITY, OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PROVIDING SERVICES TO PACE
17	PARTICIPANTS.
18	(4) (a) Any person listed in paragraphs (a), and (b), (c), AND (d)
19	of subsection (2) of this section, or any person acting on such person's
20	behalf, including the state or a local ombudsman, may file a complaint
21	with the department of human services against any person who violates
22	subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The said department shall investigate
23	such a complaint and, if there is sufficient evidence of a violation, shall
24	be authorized to assess, enforce, and collect the appropriate penalty set
25	forth in subsection (3) of this section.
26	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-11.5-111, amend
27	(1) (a), (1) (b), and (1) (c) as follows:

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1	26-11.5-111. Duties of state department. (1) In order to
2	implement the provisions of this article, the state department shall carry
3	out the following duties:
4	(a) Establish a statewide uniform reporting system to collect and
5	analyze data relating to complaints and conditions in long-term care
6	facilities OR PACE PROGRAMS for the purpose of identifying and resolving
7	significant problems, with specific provision for the submission of such
8	data on a regular basis to the state agency responsible for licensing or
9	certifying long-term care facilities AND PACE ORGANIZATIONS;
10	(b) Establish procedures to assure that information contained in
11	any files maintained in accordance with the state long-term care
12	ombudsman program shall be disclosed only at the discretion of the state
13	long-term care ombudsman or the state PACE ombudsman, as
14	APPLICABLE, and that the identity of a complainant be disclosed only with
15	the written consent of such complainant or in accordance with a court
16	order;
17	(c) Ensure that no individual INDIVIDUALS involved in the
18	designation of the state long-term care ombudsman nor AND THE STATE
19	PACE OMBUDSMAN, AND any officer, employee, or volunteer of the
20	statewide program in performing ombudsman functions, is subject to any
21	DO NOT HAVE A conflict of interest;
22	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 26-11.5-113 as
23	follows:
24	26-11.5-113. Duties of state PACE ombudsman. (1) THE STATE
25	PACE OMBUDSMAN HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS:
26	(a) ESTABLISH STATEWIDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO
27	IDENTIFY, INVESTIGATE, AND SEEK THE RESOLUTION OR REFERRAL OF

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2	TO ANY ACTION, INACTION, OR DECISION OF ANY PACE ORGANIZATION OR
3	PACE PROVIDER OR OF ANY PUBLIC AGENCY, INCLUDING THE
4	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND COUNTY
5	DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES, THAT MAY ADVERSELY
6	AFFECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, OR RIGHTS OF THE PACE
7	PARTICIPANT;
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9	(b) Establish procedures to analyze and monitor the
10	DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
11	LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO PACE SERVICES
12	AND PROGRAMS OR FACILITIES. ON THE BASIS OF THE ANALYSIS AND
13	MONITORING, THE STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE
14	APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY CHANGES TO LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND
15	POLICIES.
16	(c) Prepare a notice informing PACE participants of the
17	EXISTENCE OF A STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN AND THE DUTIES OF THE STATE
18	PACE OMBUDSMAN FOR POSTING AT ALL PACE PROGRAMS AND
19	FACILITIES.
20	(2) THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
21	PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE APPLIED TO
22	COMPLAINTS BY OR ON BEHALF OF PACE PARTICIPANTS WHERE THE
23	PROVISION OF OMBUDSMAN SERVICES WILL EITHER BENEFIT OTHER PACE
24	PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED IN THE SAME PACE PROGRAM THAT IS THE
25	SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT OR PACE PARTICIPANTS IN GENERAL, OR
26	WHERE OMBUDSMAN SERVICE IS THE ONLY VIABLE AVENUE OF ASSISTANCE
27	AVAILABLE TO THE PACE PARTICIPANT AND THE OMBUDSMAN SERVICE

COMPLAINTS MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF A PACE PARTICIPANT RELATED

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1	WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISH THE PACE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS
2	ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS.
3	(3) IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS SET FORTH IN
4	${\tt SUBSECTIONS}(1) {\tt AND}(2) {\tt OF} {\tt THIS} {\tt SECTION}, {\tt THE} {\tt STATE} {\tt PACE} {\tt OMBUDSMAN}$
5	AND HIS OR HER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE
6	ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE REMEDIES ON BEHALF
7	OF PACE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EFFECTIVELY CARRYING
8	OUT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
9	SECTION AND SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
10	(4) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND
11	GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR
12	THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING THE STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE
13	AND IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.
14	(b) The PACE ombudsman fund, referred to in this
15	PARAGRAPH (b) AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE
16	TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS
17	CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) AND ANY
18	OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR
19	TRANSFER TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL
20	INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF
21	MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND
22	UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL
23	YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO
24	ANY OTHER FUND. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
25	ASSEMBLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND
26	FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING THE STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE
27	PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

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1	(c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE TO
2	THE CONTRARY, IF IN ANY OF STATE FISCAL YEARS 2016-17 THROUGH
3	2020-21 THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT GIFTS
4	GRANTS, OR DONATIONS NECESSARY TO FUND A STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN
5	TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, A STATE PACE
6	OMBUDSMAN OFFICE SHALL NOT BE ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE
7	LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.
8	(II) This paragraph (c) is repealed, effective July 1, 2021.
9	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 26-11.5-114 as
10	<u>follows:</u>
11	26-11.5-114. Stakeholder process - state PACE ombudsman
12	reporting. (1) The state department shall convene a stakeholder
13	GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED
14	DURING THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE
15	STATEWIDE PACE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE PACE
16	OMBUDSMAN OFFICE THAT INCLUDES LOCAL PACE OMBUDSMEN.
17	(2) THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:
18	(a) THE STATE PACE OMBUDSMAN, ONCE ESTABLISHED;
19	(b) THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND ONE OR MORE
20	LOCAL OMBUDSMEN;
21	(c) REPRESENTATIVES OF PACE ORGANIZATIONS;
22	(d) COMMUNITY ADVOCATES; AND
23	(e) Any other interested stakeholders, including
24	REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE AGENCIES, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE
25	DEPARTMENT.
26	(3) THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP SHALL CONSIDER THE NUMBER AND
27	LOCATION OF ANY NECESSARY LOCAL PACE OMBUDSMEN AND PROJECTED

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1	SERVICE LEVELS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PACE OMBUDSMAN
2	PROGRAM.
3	(4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE
4	STAKEHOLDER GROUP TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE AND TO THE
5	STATE DEPARTMENT'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AS PART OF
6	THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-103,
7	C.R.S., MADE DURING THE INTERIM PRIOR TO THE START OF THE 2017
8	<u>LEGISLATIVE</u> <u>SESSION.</u>
9	SECTION 11. Appropriation. (1) For the 2016-17 state fiscal
10	year, \$125,000 is appropriated to the department of health care policy and
11	financing for use by the executive director's office. This appropriation is
12	from the department of health care policy and financing cash fund created
13	in section 25.5-1-109, C.R.S. To implement this act, the executive
14	director's office may use this appropriation for general professional
15	services and special projects.
16	(2) For the 2016-17 state fiscal year, \$81,675 is appropriated to the
17	department of human services for use by the state ombudsman program.
18	This appropriation is from the PACE ombudsman fund created in section
19	26-11.5-113 (4) (b), C.R.S., and is based on an assumption that the state
20	ombudsman program will require an additional 1.0 FTE. The state
21	ombudsman program may use this appropriation to implement this act.
22	<b>SECTION <u>12.</u> Safety clause.</b> The general assembly hereby finds,
23	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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