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HOUSE BILL 05-1245

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PERSONS**
102 **RECEIVING PUBLIC HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, AND MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires an applicant for health care benefits administered by the department of health care policy and financing (state department), including, but not limited to, benefits provided pursuant to the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act" and the children's basic health plan, and a person requesting uncompensated care in a hospital to identify the employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits, or if the beneficiary is not employed, the adult responsible for

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providing the beneficiary's support. Requires the state department to report annually to the general assembly regarding employers with 25 or more employees who are public health program beneficiaries. Requires the state department to make the report available to any person who requests such report.

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

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

5 **25.5-1-203. Programs administered by the department -**
6 **uncompensated care - reporting requirements.** (1) AN APPLICANT FOR
7 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS UNDER PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE
8 DEPARTMENT AND A PERSON REQUESTING UNCOMPENSATED CARE IN A
9 HOSPITAL SHALL IDENTIFY THE EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYERS OF THE
10 PROPOSED BENEFICIARY OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS. IN THE EVENT THE
11 PROPOSED BENEFICIARY IS NOT EMPLOYED, THE APPLICANT SHALL
12 IDENTIFY THE EMPLOYER OR EMPLOYERS OF ANY ADULT WHO IS
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL OR SOME OF THE PROPOSED
14 BENEFICIARY'S SUPPORT.

15 (2) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE
16 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
17 IDENTIFYING ALL EMPLOYERS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO THE APPLICATION
18 REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WHO EMPLOY FIFTY OR
19 MORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES. IN DETERMINING
20 WHETHER THE TWENTY-FIVE-EMPLOYEE THRESHOLD IS MET, THE STATE
21 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ALL PUBIC HEALTH PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES
22 EMPLOYED BY THE EMPLOYER AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AT ALL LOCATIONS
23 WITHIN THE STATE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE EACH EMPLOYER'S NAME,

1 LOCATION OR LOCATIONS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND
2 DEPENDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN EACH STATE DEPARTMENT
3 ADMINISTERED HEALTH CARE PROGRAM, AND THE TOTAL COST TO THE
4 STATE FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND
5 ENROLLED DEPENDENTS OF EACH NAMED EMPLOYER. THE REPORT SHALL
6 NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION AS
7 DEFINED BY 45 CFR SECTION 160.103 AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIVACY
8 STANDARDS PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE
9 PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1320d
10 TO 1320d-8, AS AMENDED.

11 (3) ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO REQUEST A COPY
12 OF THE REPORT PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE STATE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE SUCH REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON
15 MAKING THE REQUEST.

16 (4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PROPOSED BENEFICIARY"
17 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS OR
18 HOSPITAL CARE FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF, OR FOR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL
19 ON WHOSE BEHALF AN APPLICATION IS FILED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
20 TO CHILDREN OR OTHER DEPENDENTS OF THE APPLICANT OR OTHER
21 INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE APPLICATION IS FILED.

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23 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in 2005 long bill. (1)**

24 For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual
25 general appropriation act to the department of health care policy and
26 financing, department of human services medicaid-funded programs,
27 office of information technology services-medicaid funding, Colorado

1 benefits management system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005,
2 shall be increased by sixty-three thousand one hundred sixty dollars
3 (\$63,160). Of said sum, thirty-one thousand five hundred eighty dollars
4 (\$31,580) shall be from the general fund and thirty-one thousand five
5 hundred eighty dollars (\$31,580) shall be from federal funds.

6 (2) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the
7 annual general appropriation act to the department of human services,
8 office of information technology services, Colorado benefits management
9 system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, shall be increased by
10 sixty-three thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$63,160). Said sum shall
11 be a cash fund exempt transfer of medicaid funds appropriated to the
12 department of health care policy and financing.

13 (3) It is the intent of the general assembly that the general fund
14 appropriation in subsection (1) of this section shall be derived from
15 savings generated from the implementation of the provisions of House
16 Bill 05-1243, as enacted during the First Regular Session of the
17 Sixty-fifth General Assembly.

18 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided
19 in subsection (2) of this section, this act shall take effect upon passage.

20 (2) This act shall only take effect if:

21 (a) The final fiscal estimate for House Bill 05-1243, as reflected
22 in the appropriations clause for said act, shows a net general fund savings
23 that is equal to or greater than the final general fund fiscal estimate for
24 this act, as reflected in section 2 of this act; and

25 (b) House Bill 05-1243 is enacted at the First Regular Session of
26 the Sixty-fifth General Assembly and becomes law.