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STATE OF COLORADO**

**ENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1177**

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**House Committees**  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ENDING WAGE ENHANCEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL**  
102              **PAYMENTS TO NURSING HOME PROVIDERS, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103              **THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill prohibits the department of health care policy and financing from making a wage enhancement supplemental payment to an eligible nursing home provider regardless of when the services were provided.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
February 11, 2026

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-208, **add** (6.5)

3 as follows:

4 **25.5-6-208. Nursing facility provider reimbursement - rules -**  
5 **definition - repeal.**

6 (6.5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION  
7 TO THE CONTRARY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT MAKE A WAGE  
8 ENHANCEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT TO AN ELIGIBLE NURSING HOME  
9 PROVIDER ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (6.5)  
10 REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE SERVICES FOR WHICH WAGE ENHANCEMENT  
11 SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS ARE PROVIDED ARE DELIVERED.

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION 2. Appropriation to the department of health care policy and financing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part VI (2) and the affected totals as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

**PART VI**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING**

**(2) MEDICAL SERVICES PREMIUMS**

Medical and Long-Term

Care Services for Medicaid

Eligible Individuals	13,365,398,428	<del>2,591,984,332(M)</del>	1,292,968,309 <sup>a</sup>	1,480,091,193 <sup>b</sup>	124,197,922 <sup>c</sup>	<del>7,876,156,672</del>
	13,356,678,506	2,587,624,371(M)				7,871,796,711

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.

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1     <sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$1,121,530,725 shall be from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund created in Section 25.5-4-402.4 (5)(a), C.R.S., \$76,010,738 shall be from  
2 recoveries and recoupments, \$73,586,261 shall be from the Adult Dental Fund created in Section 25.5-5-207 (4)(a), C.R.S., \$62,525,000 shall be from the Medicaid Nursing Facility  
3 Cash Fund created in Section 25.5-6-203 (2)(a), C.R.S., \$60,581,773 represents public funds certified as expenditures incurred by public emergency medical transportation providers,  
4 \$46,929,200 shall be from the Health Care Expansion Fund created in Section 24-22-117 (2)(a)(I), C.R.S., \$28,169,342 represents public funds certified as expenditures incurred by  
5 public hospitals and agencies that are eligible for federal financial participation under the Medicaid program, \$6,660,761 shall be from the Medicaid Buy-In Cash Fund created in Section  
6 25.5-6-1404 (3)(b), C.R.S., \$1,503,600 shall be from the Tobacco Tax Cash Fund created in section 24-22-117 (1)(a), C.R.S., and meets the requirement to appropriate a portion of the  
7 revenues collected from the imposition of additional state cigarette and tobacco taxes to the Old Age Pension program for health related purposes pursuant to Section 21 of Article X  
8 of the State Constitution, \$857,151 shall be from the Tobacco Education Programs Fund created in Section 24-22-117 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., \$836,182 shall be from the Breast and Cervical  
9 Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund created in Section 25.5-5-308 (8)(a)(I), C.R.S., \$700,000 shall be from an intergovernmental transfer from Denver Health, and \$200,460 shall  
10 be from the Service Fee Fund created in Section 25.5-6-204 (1)(c)(II), C.R.S.

11     <sup>c</sup> Of this amount, \$112,280,907 shall be transferred from the Department of Higher Education from the Fee-for-service Contracts with State Institutions for Speciality Education Programs  
12 line item, \$9,253,841 shall be transferred from the Old Age Pension State Medical Program line item appropriation in the Other Medical Services division of this department, \$1,505,000  
13 shall be from the Department of Early Childhood from the Home Visiting line item, and \$1,158,174 shall be transferred from Public School Health Services line item in the Other Medical  
14 Services division of this department.

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1           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
5 institutions.