

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 25, 2026  
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1044 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 2 through 15 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-130.5,  
3 **amend** (7) introductory portion and (7)(b)(II) as follows:

4 **12-240-130.5. Continuing medical education - requirement -**  
5 **compliance - legislative declaration - rules - definitions.**

6 (7) The board shall ~~promulgate~~ ADOPT rules necessary to  
7 implement a physician CME requirement in accordance with this section.  
8 In addition to any other rules, the board shall adopt rules:

9 (b) (II) The board shall initiate a stakeholder process to consider  
10 requiring, for general practice and for all specialties, specific CME credit  
11 hours relating to health disparities and outcomes data; reproductive,  
12 sexual, and gender-based health care; CULTURAL COMPETENCE AND  
13 EQUITY IN MATERNAL CARE; and explicit and implicit bias, including the  
14 number and frequency of CME credit hours."

15 Page 3, line 19, strike "(1)".

16 Page 4, line 2, strike "24." and substitute "24, INCLUDING RULES THAT  
17 EMPHASIZE ATTENTION TO CULTURAL COMPETENCE AND EQUITY IN  
18 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-30-119."

19 Page 4, strike lines 3 through 7.

20 Page 4, line 14, strike "OR ALL PEOPLE" and substitute "INDIVIDUALS".

21 Page 4, line 21, strike "and (2.5)".

1 Page 4, strike lines 24 through 27 and substitute:

2 "(1.5) **Statement of rights of birthing parents.**

3 (a) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2027, A HEALTH FACILITY SHALL  
4 MAKE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO A BIRTHING PARENT AND A  
5 BIRTHING PARENT'S COMPANION OR FAMILY MEMBER, IF APPLICABLE, AND  
6 IN PRINT IF REQUESTED:

7 (I) A STATEMENT OF A BIRTHING PARENT'S RIGHTS AND THE  
8 COMPONENTS OF RESPECTFUL LABOR AND CHILDBIRTH, INCLUDING:

9 (A) A BIRTHING PARENT'S RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM HARM AND  
10 MISTREATMENT;

11 (B) RESPECT FOR A BIRTHING PARENT'S DIGNITY, PRIVACY, AND  
12 CONFIDENTIALITY;

13 (C) A BIRTHING PARENT'S RIGHT TO INFORMED CHOICE AND  
14 CONSENT;

15 (D) THE RIGHT TO HAVE A BIRTHING COMPANION AND A FAMILY  
16 MEMBER WITH THE BIRTHING PARENT DURING BIRTH;

17 (E) EQUITABLE AND HIGH-QUALITY CARE FOR A BIRTHING PARENT  
18 THAT IS EVIDENCE-BASED, FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION, AND CULTURALLY  
19 SENSITIVE; AND

20 (F) EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, DURING WHICH HEALTH-CARE  
21 PRACTITIONERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES, EXPLAIN THEIR ROLES, AND  
22 WELCOME QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM A BIRTHING PARENT OR THE  
23 BIRTHING PARENT'S BIRTHING COMPANION OR FAMILY MEMBER; AND

24 (II) INFORMATION, INCLUDING TELEPHONE CONTACT".

25 Strike page 5.

26 Page 6, strike lines 7 through 10.

27 Page 6, line 11, strike "(e)" and substitute "(b)".

28 Page 6, strike lines 22 through 27.

29 Strike pages 7 through 12.

30 Page 13, strike lines 1 through 3.

31 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

32 Page 14, line 2, strike "THE" and substitute "SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
33 GRANT FUNDING FOR THE TASK FORCE, THE".

- 1 Page 14, strike lines 10 and 11 and substitute "thereafter, the department
- 2 shall submit a report to the house of".
- 3 Page 14, strike lines 19 and 20.
- 4 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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