

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

May 1, 2026

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB26-1328 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Health and Human Services Committee report, dated March  
2 31, 2026, page 6, line 13, strike "POPULATIONS." and substitute  
3 "POPULATIONS AND SERVICES."

4 Page 6 of the report, after line 39 insert:

5 "Page 18 of the bill, strike line 14 and substitute:

6 **"SECTION 9. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, to implement this  
8 act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the  
9 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of health care policy and  
10 financing for medical and long-term care services for Medicaid eligible  
11 individuals are adjusted as follows:

12 (a) The general fund appropriation is decreased by \$76,639, which  
13 is subject to the "(M)" notation as defined in the annual general  
14 appropriation act for the same fiscal year; and

15 (b) The appropriation from the healthcare affordability and  
16 sustainability hospital provider fee cash fund created in section 25.5-4-  
17 402.4 (5)(a), C.R.S., is decreased by \$20,941,853.

18 (2) The decrease of the appropriations in subsection (1) of this  
19 section is based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal  
20 funds received for the 2025-26 state fiscal year by the department of  
21 health care policy and financing for medical and long-term care services  
22 for Medicaid eligible individuals will increase by 21,018,492.

23 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
24 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act to the department  
25 of health care policy and financing for the 2026-27 state fiscal year for

1 medical and long-term care services for Medicaid eligible individuals if:  
2 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made is less than  
3 the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1)(a) of this section;  
4 (b) The amount of the appropriation from the healthcare  
5 affordability and sustainability hospital provider fee cash fund is less than  
6 the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1)(b) of this section;  
7 or  
8 (c) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
9 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of health  
10 care policy and financing for medical and long-term care services for  
11 Medicaid eligible individuals.

12 **SECTION 10. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026;  
13 except that section 9 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
14 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
15 case section 9 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
16 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever  
17 is later."

18 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

19 Page 1 of the bill, line 102, strike "MEMBERS." and substitute "MEMBERS,  
20 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN  
21 APPROPRIATION."."

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