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Health, Insurance, & Environment
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A FINANCIAL RELIEF PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL**
102 **ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS EARNING A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF**
103 **NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL**
104 **POVERTY LINE OF WHICH THEY SPEND MORE THAN FIFTEEN**
105 **PERCENT ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR INDIVIDUAL**
106 **HEALTH INSURANCE PURCHASED THROUGH THE COLORADO**
107 **HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
108 **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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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<http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates a financial relief program, available from July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018, to provide financial assistance to individuals and their families who spend more than 15% of their household income on individual health insurance premiums. The Colorado health benefit exchange (exchange) is to oversee the program, and counties may elect to administer the program in their counties. For any county that opts not to administer the program, the exchange is to administer the program in that county.

Financial relief is available to individuals and families determined eligible based on the following:

- ! The individual or family enrolled in and paid premiums for a bronze, silver, or gold level individual health benefit plan purchased through the exchange;
- ! The individual or family has a household income of more than 400%, but not more than 500%, of the federal poverty line;
- ! The individual or family does not have access to a government-sponsored program, such as medicaid or medicare, or an affordable employer-sponsored plan; and
- ! The individual or family pays more than 15% of the household income on premiums for the plan.

The exchange is to certify that an individual or family has enrolled in one of the specified health benefit plans, the premium amount of the plan, the household income of the individual or family, and that the individual or family does not have access to a government-sponsored program or employer-sponsored plan.

The amount of financial relief is calculated based on the cost of the premium for the lowest-cost bronze health benefit plan available to the individual or family through the exchange, minus an amount equal to 15% of the individual's or family's household income. The general assembly is to appropriate money from the general fund to provide financial assistance to individuals who qualify under the program.

A carrier offering individual health benefit plans on the exchange must permit an individual to purchase an individual health benefit plan on the exchange during a special enrollment period that begins June 1, 2017, and ends August 1, 2017, for plans effective through December 31, 2017. For the 2018 plan year, individuals are subject to the standard open enrollment period specified in law.

The program repeals on July 1, 2019, unless congress enacts and the president signs legislation repealing the advance premium tax credit authorized under federal law, in which case the program repeals upon the date of the repeal of said tax credit.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) Currently, premiums for health insurance across the nine
5 health insurance geographic rating regions in Colorado, as well as the
6 number of insurance carriers available and the number and variety of
7 plans offered in the different regions, vary significantly;

8 (b) Premiums in rural areas, especially in the eastern plains and
9 the western slope areas of the state, are considerably higher than
10 premiums in metropolitan areas, and the number of carriers and the
11 diversity of plans they offer are very limited in those areas. In fact, only
12 one carrier is currently offering plans on the health benefit exchange in
13 rural areas of the state.

14 (c) Many Coloradans in rural areas whose incomes fall between
15 four hundred percent and five hundred percent of the federal poverty line
16 are cost-burdened in that they spend more than fifteen percent of their
17 household income on premiums for health insurance but earn too much
18 to qualify for subsidies available under federal law;

19 (d) Because of the financial burden high-cost health insurance
20 places on individuals in rural areas of the state, a considerable number of
21 these cost-burdened individuals may not purchase health insurance in
22 2017, exacerbating the problems of few carriers, few plan options, and
23 high costs of health insurance in rural regions of the state as well as
24 increasing the number of uninsured individuals in those areas;

25 (e) It is therefore important to establish a program to provide
26 temporary financial relief to Coloradans who earn between four and five
27 hundred percent of the federal poverty line and are spending more than

1 fifteen percent of their household income on health insurance premiums.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
3 22 of title 10 as follows:

4 **PART 2**

5 **FINANCIAL RELIEF PROGRAM TO DEFRAY**
6 **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

7 **10-22-201. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (1) "ADMINISTERING BODY" MEANS THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR
10 AGENCY ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM IN ITS COUNTY OR, IN THE CASE OF
11 A COUNTY THAT ELECTS NOT TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, THE
12 EXCHANGE.

13 (2) "ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PLAN" HAS THE SAME
14 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN 26 U.S.C. SEC. 5000A (f)(2) OF THE FEDERAL
15 "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED.

16 (3) "FEDERAL POVERTY LINE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
17 "POVERTY LINE", AS DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 9902 (2).

18 (4) "GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
19 LISTED IN 26 U.S.C. SEC. 5000A (f)(1)(A) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL
20 REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED.

21 (5) "HOUSEHOLD INCOME" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH
22 IN 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B (d)(2) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
23 OF 1986", AS AMENDED.

24 (6) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE FINANCIAL RELIEF PROGRAM
25 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS PART 2.

26 (7) "PROGRAM AREA" MEANS ANY COUNTY CONTAINED WITHIN
27 ONE OF THE THREE MOST COSTLY GEOGRAPHIC INSURANCE RATING AREAS

1 OF THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE PREMIUMS
2 CHARGED FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SOLD ON THE
3 EXCHANGE IN THE GEOGRAPHIC RATING AREA.

4 (8) "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY
5 WHO SATISFIES THE CRITERIA FOR, AND IS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR,
6 FINANCIAL RELIEF UNDER THE PROGRAM.

7 **10-22-202. Financial relief program - assistance to defray**
8 **individual health insurance premiums - plans purchased through**
9 **exchange - income criteria.** (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND
10 CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, OR UNTIL THE TOTAL
11 AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-22-204 FOR
12 FINANCIAL RELIEF UNDER THE PROGRAM IS DISTRIBUTED, WHICHEVER
13 OCCURS FIRST, THE EXCHANGE SHALL OVERSEE A FINANCIAL RELIEF
14 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 2 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
15 ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RESIDING IN THE PROGRAM
16 AREA WHO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE
17 EXCHANGE AND SPEND MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THEIR
18 HOUSEHOLD INCOME ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. A COUNTY IN THE
19 PROGRAM AREA MAY DESIGNATE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY TO
20 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO QUALIFIED
21 INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE COUNTY, BUT IF A COUNTY ELECTS NOT TO
22 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, THE EXCHANGE SHALL ADMINISTER THE
23 PROGRAM FOR THAT COUNTY.

24 (2) (a) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF UNDER THE
25 PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM MUST
26 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT:

27 (I) RESIDES IN THE PROGRAM AREA;

1 (II) ENROLLED IN AND, WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER APPLYING AND
2 PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2019, PAID PREMIUMS FOR A BRONZE, SILVER, OR
3 GOLDLEVEL INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
4 10-16-103.4, PURCHASED THROUGH THE EXCHANGE;

5 (III) HAS A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED
6 PERCENT, BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PERCENT, OF THE FEDERAL
7 POVERTY LINE;

8 (IV) DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO, OR ELIGIBILITY FOR,
9 ENROLLMENT IN:

10 (A) A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAM; OR

11 (B) AN AFFORDABLE, ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PLAN, AS
12 DETERMINED UNDER 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B (c)(2)(C)(i) OF THE FEDERAL
13 "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED; AND

14 (V) PAYS MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD
15 INCOME ON PREMIUMS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
16 PURCHASED THROUGH THE EXCHANGE.

17 (b) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL
18 RELIEF UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE EXCHANGE SHALL CERTIFY:

19 (I) THAT THE APPLICANT RESIDES IN THE PROGRAM AREA;

20 (II) THAT THE APPLICANT HAS ENROLLED IN A BRONZE, SILVER, OR
21 GOLDLEVEL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PURCHASED THROUGH THE EXCHANGE;

22 (III) THE MONTHLY PREMIUM AMOUNT THE APPLICANT PAYS FOR
23 THE PLAN;

24 (IV) THAT THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF THE APPLICANT IS MORE
25 THAN FOUR HUNDRED PERCENT, BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED
26 PERCENT, OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE; AND

27 (V) THAT THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO, OR IS NOT

1 ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN, A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAM OR AN
2 AFFORDABLE, ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PLAN.

3 (c) THE ADMINISTERING BODY SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND
4 GUIDELINES FOR OPERATING THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR
5 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM.

6 (d) THE ADMINISTERING BODY SHALL ISSUE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO
7 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IN THE MONTH
8 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER IN
9 WHICH THE APPLICANT IS DETERMINED TO BE QUALIFIED. AN APPLICANT
10 FOR THE PROGRAM MUST APPLY FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF IN EACH CALENDAR
11 QUARTER FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
12 AND MUST DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
13 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION. UPON RECEIVING
14 CERTIFICATION FROM THE EXCHANGE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF
15 THIS SECTION, IF THE ADMINISTERING BODY DETERMINES THAT AN
16 APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR A GIVEN CALENDAR
17 QUARTER, THE ADMINISTERING BODY SHALL CALCULATE THE FINANCIAL
18 RELIEF PAYABLE TO THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL AS SPECIFIED IN
19 SUBSECTION (2)(e) OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL ISSUE THE FINANCIAL
20 RELIEF TO THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL IN THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY
21 FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CALENDAR QUARTER FOR WHICH FINANCIAL
22 RELIEF IS SOUGHT.

23 (e) THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL RELIEF PAYABLE TO A QUALIFIED
24 INDIVIDUAL FOR A CALENDAR QUARTER EQUALS THE COST OF THE
25 PREMIUM IN THAT QUARTER FOR THE LOWEST-COST BRONZE PLAN
26 AVAILABLE TO THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL THROUGH THE EXCHANGE
27 MINUS FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL'S HOUSEHOLD

1 INCOME IN THAT QUARTER.

2 **10-22-203. Special enrollment period.** TO FACILITATE
3 PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES MAY ENROLL
4 IN AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PURCHASED THROUGH THE
5 EXCHANGE DURING A SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD ESTABLISHED UNDER
6 SECTION 10-16-105.7 (4).

7 **10-22-204. Program funding - administration within existing**
8 **resources.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE NOT MORE
9 THAN FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE
10 GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND
11 FINANCING FOR ALLOCATION TO THE EXCHANGE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
12 RELIEF TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE PROGRAM. UPON REQUEST
13 OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM IN
14 THAT COUNTY, WHICH REQUEST DETAILS THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED
15 INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY AND AMOUNT NEEDED TO PROVIDE
16 FINANCIAL RELIEF TO THOSE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, AS CALCULATED IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-22-202 (2)(e), THE EXCHANGE SHALL
18 ALLOCATE AND DISTRIBUTE MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS
19 SUBSECTION (1) TO THE ADMINISTERING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR
20 AGENCY. THE EXCHANGE SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCESS FOR HOW AND
21 WHEN AN ADMINISTERING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IS TO SUBMIT
22 THE REQUEST AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
23 PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL RELIEF AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 10-22-202 (2)(d).

24 (2) ADMINISTERING BODIES SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM
25 WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES AND SHALL NOT USE ANY OF THE MONEY
26 MADE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF UNDER THE PROGRAM
27 FOR THEIR DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

1 **10-22-205. Repeal of part - notice to revisor.** (1) EXCEPT AS
2 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THIS PART 2 IS REPEALED,
3 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019.

4 (2) THIS PART 2 IS REPEALED IF, PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2019, THE
5 UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTS AND THE PRESIDENT SIGNS FEDERAL
6 LEGISLATION AMENDING THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
7 1986", AS AMENDED, TO REPEAL 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B, WHICH AUTHORIZES
8 A REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR COVERAGE UNDER A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN,
9 AS DEFINED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT. THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD SHALL
10 NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING IF THE CONDITION
11 SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) HAS OCCURRED BY E-MAILING THE
12 NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS PART 2 IS
13 REPEALED UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT THE REPEAL OF
14 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B OCCURRED OR UPON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE
15 REVISOR OF STATUTES IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY A DIFFERENT
16 DATE.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 10-22-108 as
18 follows:

19 **10-22-108. Money for implementation, operation, and**
20 **sustainability of the exchange - notice to revisor - repeal.** (1) ~~Moneys~~
21 MONEY received by the board for the implementation of this ~~article~~
22 ARTICLE 22, and for building reserves for the operation and sustainability
23 of the exchange pursuant to section 10-22-109, must be transferred
24 directly to the exchange for the purposes of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 22. The
25 board shall deposit any ~~moneys~~ MONEY received in a banking institution
26 within or outside the state. ~~Moneys~~ MONEY from the general fund shall
27 not be used for the implementation of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 22, except for

1 the sums specified in section 10-22-107 (3) and for legislative staff
2 agency services. The account of the banking institution must be insured
3 by the federal deposit insurance corporation and compliant with the
4 "Public Deposit Protection Act", article 10.5 of title 11. ~~C.R.S.~~

5 (2) (a) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY FROM APPROPRIATING, AND THE EXCHANGE FROM EXPENDING,
7 MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
8 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR THE FINANCIAL RELIEF
9 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE 22. HOWEVER, THE
10 EXCHANGE SHALL NOT USE ANY GENERAL FUND MONEY APPROPRIATED TO
11 THE EXCHANGE UNDER PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE 22 TO ADMINISTER OR
12 OTHERWISE PAY FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE EXCHANGE OR AN
13 ADMINISTERING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN ADMINISTERING THE
14 FINANCIAL RELIEF PROGRAM.

15 (b) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS
16 SECTION, THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
17 2019.

18 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED IF, PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1,
19 2019, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTS AND THE PRESIDENT SIGNS
20 FEDERAL LEGISLATION AMENDING THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE
21 CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, TO REPEAL 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B, WHICH
22 AUTHORIZES A REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR COVERAGE UNDER A QUALIFIED
23 HEALTH PLAN, AS DEFINED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT. THE CHAIR OF THE
24 BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING IF THE
25 CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) HAS OCCURRED BY
26 E-MAILING THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS
27 SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE

1 THAT THE REPEAL OF 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B OCCURRED OR UPON THE DATE
2 OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT
3 SPECIFY A DIFFERENT DATE.

4 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-105.7, **add** (4)
5 as follows:

6 **10-16-105.7. Health benefit plan open enrollment periods -**
7 **special enrollment periods - rules - notice to revisor - repeal.**

8 (4) (a) FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO
9 PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCIAL RELIEF PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER
10 PART 2 OF ARTICLE 22 OF THIS TITLE 10, A CARRIER OFFERING AN
11 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ON THE EXCHANGE SHALL PERMIT AN
12 INDIVIDUAL TO PURCHASE AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ON THE
13 EXCHANGE DURING A SIXTY-DAY SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD THAT
14 BEGINS JUNE 1, 2017. AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PURCHASED
15 DURING THE SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD ESTABLISHED BY THIS
16 SUBSECTION (4) IS EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND AN
17 INDIVIDUAL WHO WISHES TO PURCHASE COVERAGE FOR THE 2018 BENEFIT
18 YEAR MUST ENROLL DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD SPECIFIED IN
19 SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION FOR THAT BENEFIT YEAR. THE
20 COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS
21 SUBSECTION (4).

22 (b) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II) OF THIS
23 SECTION, THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
24 2019.

25 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED IF, PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1,
26 2019, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTS AND THE PRESIDENT SIGNS
27 FEDERAL LEGISLATION AMENDING THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE

1 CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, TO REPEAL 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B, WHICH
2 AUTHORIZES A REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR COVERAGE UNDER A QUALIFIED
3 HEALTH PLAN, AS DEFINED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT. THE CHAIR OF THE
4 BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING IF THE
5 CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II) HAS OCCURRED BY
6 E-MAILING THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS
7 SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE
8 THAT THE REPEAL OF 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B OCCURRED OR UPON THE DATE
9 OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT
10 SPECIFY A DIFFERENT DATE.

11 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
12 \$5,700,000 is appropriated to the department of health care policy and
13 financing. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this
14 act, the department may use this appropriation for allocation to connect
15 for health Colorado to provide financial relief to qualified individuals.

16 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.