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LLS NO. 19-1038.01 Shelby Ross x4510

HOUSE BILL 19-1285

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
102 **CARE POLICY AND FINANCING TO CONTRACT WITH THE**
103 **MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION OPERATED BY DENVER HEALTH**
104 **AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY UNTIL THE MANAGED CARE**
105 **ORGANIZATION CEASES TO OPERATE A MEDICAID MANAGED**
106 **CARE PROGRAM.**

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>.)

The bill requires the department of health care policy and

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

financing (state department) to enter into a contract with the managed care organization (MCO) operated by Denver health and hospital authority as long as the MCO continues to operate a medicaid managed care program. Denver health and hospital authority is required to collaborate, if applicable, with the MCO designated by the state department to manage behavioral health services.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-402, **add** (7.5)
3 as follows:

4 **25.5-5-402. Statewide managed care system - definition.** (7.5)

5 (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~OFFER TO~~ ENTER INTO A DIRECT
6 CONTRACT WITH THE MCO OPERATED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF
7 DENVER HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, CREATED PURSUANT TO
8 ARTICLE 29 OF TITLE 25, UNTIL THE MCO CEASES TO OPERATE A MEDICAID
9 MANAGED CARE PROGRAM OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2025, UNLESS SOONER
10 REPROCURED. IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES AN MCO TO
11 MANAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 5,
12 DENVER HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, OR ANY SUBSIDIARY
13 THEREOF, SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE MCO DURING THE TERM OF
14 CONTRACT.

15 (b) THE MCO OPERATED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF DENVER
16 HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SHALL:

17 (I) MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FINANCIALS TO ENSURE PROPER
18 SOLVENCY AS A RISK MANAGER;

19 (II) ACCEPT RATES DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT,
20 THROUGH STANDARD METHODOLOGIES, TO COVER THE POPULATION IT IS
21 SERVING;

22 (III) MAINTAIN SERVICE AND QUALITY METRICS, AS DETERMINED

1 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT; AND

2 (IV) MEET STATEWIDE MANAGED CARE SYSTEM STANDARDS AND
3 OPERATE AS PART OF THE OVERALL MANAGED CARE SYSTEM.

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
7 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
8 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
9 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.