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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH**  
102              **INSURANCE FOR COLORADANS PURCHASING COVERAGE ON THE**  
103              **INDIVIDUAL MARKET, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
104              **ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE TO ADMINISTER A HEALTH**  
105              **INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY FEE ASSESSED ON CERTAIN HEALTH**  
106              **INSURERS AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON HOSPITALS TO FUND**  
107              **MEASURES TO REDUCE CONSUMER COSTS FOR INDIVIDUAL**  
108              **HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS.**

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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*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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The bill establishes the health insurance affordability enterprise, for purposes of section 20 of article X of the state constitution, that is authorized to assess a health insurance affordability fee (insurer fee) on certain health insurers and a special assessment (hospital assessment) on hospitals in order to:

- ! Provide business services to carriers that pay the fee, including services to increase enrollment in health benefit plans offered by carriers across the state; increasing the number of individuals who are able to purchase health benefit plans in the individual market by providing financial support for certain qualifying individuals; funding the reinsurance program that offsets the costs carriers would otherwise pay for covering consumers with high medical costs; improving the stability of the market throughout the state by providing consistent private health care coverage and reducing the movement of individuals between group and individual coverage and from insured to uninsured status; and reducing provider cost shifting from the individual market and the uninsured to the group market; and
- ! Provide business services to hospitals, including increasing hospital revenues by reducing the amount of uncompensated care provided by hospitals; and reducing the need of providers to shift costs of providing uncompensated care to other payers.

The enterprise is to start assessing and collecting the insurer fee in 2021, which fee is based on a percentage of premiums collected by health insurers in the previous calendar year on health benefit plans issued in the state. The hospital assessment is a specified amount assessed and collected in the 2022 and 2023 calendar years. Money collected from the insurer fee and hospital assessment is to be deposited in the health insurance affordability cash fund (fund), which the bill creates. The bill also transfers an amount of premium taxes collected by the state in 2020 or later years that exceeds the amount collected in 2019, but not more than 10% of the enterprise's revenues, to the fund.

The enterprise is required to use the insurer fee, the hospital assessment, and any premium tax revenues or other money available in the fund, in accordance with the allocation specified in the bill, for the following purposes:

- ! To provide funding for the reinsurance program established by House Bill 19-1168;
- ! To provide payments to carriers to increase the affordability of health insurance on the individual market

for Coloradans who receive the premium tax credit available under federal law;

- ! To provide subsidies for state-subsidized individual health coverage plans purchased by qualified low-income individuals who are not eligible for the premium tax credit or public assistance health care programs;
- ! To pay the actual administrative costs of the enterprise and the division of insurance for implementing and administering the bill, limited to 3% of the enterprise's revenues; and
- ! To pay the costs for consumer enrollment, outreach, and education activities regarding health care coverage.

The enterprise is governed by a 9-member board composed of the executive director of the Colorado health benefit exchange and the commissioner of insurance or their designees and 7 members appointed by the governor and representing various aspect of the health care industry and health care consumers.

With regard to the reinsurance program and enterprise established pursuant to House Bill 19-1168, the bill:

- ! Incorporates the reinsurance program enterprise within the health insurance affordability enterprise;
- ! Eliminates funding for the reinsurance program from special assessments on hospitals and health insurers, excess premium tax revenues, and specified transfers from the state general fund and instead allocates a portion of the health insurance affordability enterprise revenues to the reinsurance program annually; and
- ! Extends the reinsurance program, subject to federal approval of a new or extended state innovation waiver to enable the state to operate the reinsurance program and access federal funding for the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 12 to article  
3 16 of title 10 as follows:

4 **PART 12**

5 **HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT**

6 **10-16-1201. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 12 IS THE  
7 "HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT".

1           **10-16-1202. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

3           (a) THE STATE, CARRIERS, AND HOSPITALS SHARE A COMMON  
4 COMMITMENT TO ENSURING ALL COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO  
5 AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BECAUSE ACCESS TO COVERAGE  
6 IMPROVES HEALTH OUTCOMES AND PROVIDES FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR  
7 COLORADANS;

8           (b) HOSPITALS WITHIN THE STATE INCUR THE COSTS OF  
9 UNCOMPENSATED CARE TO UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED POPULATIONS;

10          (c) THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN DUE TO COVID-19 AND ITS  
11 IMPACTS ON GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE IN THE  
12 STATE CREATES ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR CARRIERS FROM THE  
13 POTENTIAL LOST REVENUE IF PEOPLE DROP INSURANCE COVERAGE;

14          (d) THIS PART 12 IS ENACTED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING  
15 SERVICES AND BENEFITS TO CARRIERS:

16           (I) REDUCING THE NUMBER OF COLORADANS WHO LACK HEALTH  
17 CARE COVERAGE BY HELPING COLORADANS TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENT  
18 COVERAGE;

19           (II) PROVIDING STABILITY IN THE INSURANCE MARKET;

20           (III) REDUCING THE MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS BETWEEN  
21 INSURED AND UNINSURED STATUS;

22           (IV) OFFSETTING THE COSTS CARRIERS WOULD OTHERWISE PAY  
23 FOR COVERED PERSONS' HIGH MEDICAL COSTS SO THAT PREMIUMS ARE SET  
24 AT MORE AFFORDABLE LEVELS; AND

25           (V) CREATING A HEALTHIER RISK POOL FOR ALL CARRIERS BY  
26 ESTABLISHING A PATH FOR CONSISTENT COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS; AND

27          (e) THIS PART 12 IS ENACTED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

1 SERVICES AND BENEFITS TO HOSPITALS:

2 (I) REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE PROVIDED  
3 BY HOSPITALS; ==

4 (II) REDUCING THE NEED OF PROVIDERS TO SHIFT COSTS OF  
5 PROVIDING UNCOMPENSATED CARE TO OTHER PAYERS; AND

6 (III) EXPANDING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH  
7 CARE FOR LOW-INCOME AND UNINSURED COLORADANS.

8 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT,  
9 CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE COLORADO SUPREME  
10 COURT IN *NICHOLL V. E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY*, 896 P.2d 859  
11 (COLO. 1995), THE POWER TO IMPOSE TAXES IS INCONSISTENT WITH  
12 ENTERPRISE STATUS UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE  
13 CONSTITUTION, AND THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY FEES AND  
14 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS CHARGED AND COLLECTED BY THE HEALTH  
15 INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE ARE FEES, NOT TAXES, BECAUSE  
16 THE FEES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IMPOSED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF  
17 ALLOWING THE ENTERPRISE TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE  
18 BUSINESS SERVICES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 10-16-1204 (1)(a) TO THE  
19 CARRIERS AND HOSPITALS THAT PAY THE FEES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ARE  
20 COLLECTED AT RATES THAT ARE REASONABLY CALCULATED BASED ON THE  
21 BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THOSE CARRIERS AND HOSPITALS.

22 **10-16-1203. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 12, UNLESS THE  
23 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

24 (1) "BOARD" MEANS THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY  
25 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 10-16-1207.

26 (2) "CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN" HAS THE MEANING SET  
27 FORTH IN SECTION 25.5-8-103 (2).

1 (3) "ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE COLORADO HEALTH INSURANCE  
2 AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 10-16-1204.

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

5 (5) "FEE" MEANS THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY FEE  
6 ESTABLISHED AND ASSESSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205.

7 (6) "FUND" MEANS THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY CASH  
8 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 10-16-1206.

9 (7) "HOUSEHOLD INCOME" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
10 IN 26 U.S.C. SEC. 36B (d)(2) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
11 OF 1986", AS AMENDED.

12 (8) "MEDICAID" MEANS FEDERAL INSURANCE OR ASSISTANCE AS  
13 PROVIDED BY TITLE XIX OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", AS  
14 AMENDED, AND THE "COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT", ARTICLES  
15 4, 5, AND 6 OF TITLE 25.5.

16 (9) "MEDICARE" MEANS FEDERAL INSURANCE OR ASSISTANCE  
17 PROVIDED BY THE "HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE AGED ACT", TITLE XVIII  
18 OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
19 1395 ET SEQ.

20 (10) "PREMIUM TAX CREDIT" MEANS THE REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT  
21 AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ACT TO ASSIST CERTAIN  
22 INDIVIDUALS IN PURCHASING A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ON THE EXCHANGE.

23 (11) "PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION" MEANS A PUBLIC BENEFIT  
24 CORPORATION FORMED PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 101 OF TITLE 7  
25 THAT IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY THE EXCHANGE PURSUANT TO  
26 SECTION 10-22-106 (3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING AND  
27 OPERATING A SUBSIDY TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

1 OFFERED UNDER A STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE  
2 PLAN.

3 (12) "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL,  
4 REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, WHO:

5 (a) IS A COLORADO RESIDENT;

6 (b) HAS A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN THREE  
7 HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE; AND

8 (c) IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT, MEDICAID,  
9 MEDICARE, OR THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN.

10 (13) "REINSURANCE PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLORADO  
11 REINSURANCE PROGRAM CREATED IN PART 11 OF THIS ARTICLE 16.

12 (14) "REINSURANCE PROGRAM CASH FUND" MEANS THE  
13 REINSURANCE PROGRAM CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 10-16-1107.

14 (15) "STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN"  
15 MEANS A SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN OFFERED BY  
16 CARRIERS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE PUBLIC BENEFIT  
17 CORPORATION.

18 **10-16-1204. Health insurance affordability enterprise -**  
19 **creation - powers and duties - assess and allocate health insurance**  
20 **affordability fee and special assessment.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY  
21 CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE COLORADO HEALTH INSURANCE  
22 AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE. THE ENTERPRISE IS AND OPERATES AS A  
23 GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUSINESS WITHIN THE DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE  
24 OF ASSESSING AND COLLECTING THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY  
25 FEE FROM CARRIERS THAT OFFER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS IN THE STATE  
26 AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON HOSPITALS IN THE STATE AND USING AND  
27 ALLOCATING THE FEE AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN

1 THIS PART 12 IN ORDER TO:

2 (I) PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS SERVICES TO CARRIERS  
3 THAT PAY THE FEE:

4 (A) OUTREACH AND RELATED WORK TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT  
5 IN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED BY CARRIERS ACROSS THE STATE;

6 (B) INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE  
7 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS IN THE INDIVIDUAL MARKET BY PROVIDING  
8 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE PRIVATE HEALTH  
9 INSURANCE COVERAGE;

10 (C) FUNDING THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM THAT OFFSETS THE  
11 COSTS CARRIERS WOULD OTHERWISE PAY FOR COVERING CONSUMERS WITH  
12 HIGH MEDICAL COSTS;

13 (D) IMPROVING THE STABILITY OF THE MARKET THROUGHOUT THE  
14 STATE BY PROVIDING CONSISTENT PRIVATE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND  
15 REDUCING THE MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS \_\_\_\_\_ FROM INSURED TO  
16 UNINSURED STATUS; AND

17 (E) REDUCING PROVIDER COST SHIFTING FROM THE INDIVIDUAL  
18 MARKET AND THE UNINSURED TO THE GROUP MARKET; \_\_\_\_\_

19 (F) CREATING A HEALTHIER RISK POOL FOR ALL CARRIERS BY  
20 ESTABLISHING A PATH FOR CONSISTENT COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS; AND

21 (II) PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS SERVICES TO HOSPITALS:

22 (A) REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE PROVIDED  
23 BY HOSPITALS; \_\_\_\_\_

24 (B) REDUCING THE NEED OF PROVIDERS TO SHIFT COSTS OF  
25 PROVIDING UNCOMPENSATED CARE TO OTHER PAYERS; AND

26 (C) EXPANDING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH  
27 CARE FOR LOW-INCOME AND UNINSURED COLORADANS.



1 (b) (I) THE ENTERPRISE CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE FOR  
2 PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION SO  
3 LONG AS IT RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND  
4 RECEIVES LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL REVENUES IN GRANTS, AS  
5 DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (7), FROM ALL COLORADO STATE AND  
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMBINED. SO LONG AS IT CONSTITUTES AN  
7 ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE ENTERPRISE IS NOT A  
8 DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE  
9 CONSTITUTION.

10 (II) THE ENTERPRISE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE REVENUE  
11 BONDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE ENTERPRISE, SECURED BY REVENUES OF  
12 THE ENTERPRISE.

13 (2) THE ENTERPRISE'S PRIMARY POWERS AND DUTIES ARE:

14 (a) TO ASSESS AND COLLECT THE FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
15 10-16-1205 (1)(a)(I);

16 (b) TO ASSESS AND COLLECT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON  
17 HOSPITALS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 10-16-1205 (1)(a)(II);

18 (c) TO ALLOCATE MONEY IN THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
19 SECTION 10-16-1205 (2);

20 (d) TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE FROM THE REVENUES OF  
21 THE ENTERPRISE;

22 (e) (I) TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF THIRD PARTIES SERVING AS  
23 CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS, INCLUDING THE DIVISION, FOR  
24 PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE AND TO SUPPLY  
25 OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE  
26 ENTERPRISE, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES  
27 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24. THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY

1 IN APPLICATIONS FOR CONTRACTS AND SHALL GENERALLY AVOID USING  
2 SINGLE-SOURCE BIDS.

3 (II) THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO THE ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT  
5 ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e).

6 (f) TO ENGAGE IN OUTREACH AND RELATED EFFORTS TO INCREASE  
7 ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ACROSS THE STATE; AND

8 (g) TO ADOPT AND AMEND OR REPEAL POLICIES FOR THE  
9 REGULATION OF ITS AFFAIRS AND THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS  
10 CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 12.

11 (3) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM  
12 ITS DUTIES AS IF THE SAME WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE DIVISION BY A  
13 TYPE 2 TRANSFER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105.

14 **10-16-1205. Health insurance affordability fee - special**  
15 **assessment on hospitals - allocation of revenues.** (1) (a) (I) STARTING  
16 IN THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ASSESS AND  
17 COLLECT FROM CARRIERS, BY JULY 15 EACH YEAR, A HEALTH INSURANCE  
18 AFFORDABILITY FEE. THE FEE AMOUNT IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING  
19 PERCENTAGES OF PREMIUMS COLLECTED BY THE FOLLOWING CARRIERS IN  
20 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR ON HEALTH BENEFIT  
21 PLANS ISSUED IN THE STATE:

22 (A) ONE PERCENT OF PREMIUMS COLLECTED BY NONPROFIT  
23 CARRIERS; AND

24 (B) TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF PREMIUMS COLLECTED BY  
25 FOR-PROFIT CARRIERS.

26 (II) FOR THE 2022 AND 2023 CALENDAR YEARS, THE ENTERPRISE  
27 SHALL ASSESS AND COLLECT FROM HOSPITALS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF

1 TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS  
2 SECTION. THE ENTERPRISE SHALL NOT COLLECT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
3 FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022.

4 (b) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL USE THE FEE, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
5 ON HOSPITALS, AND ANY OTHER MONEY AVAILABLE IN THE FUND AS  
6 FOLLOWS, ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
7 SECTION:

8 (I) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM;

9 (II) TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS TO CARRIERS TO INCREASE THE  
10 AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE INDIVIDUAL MARKET FOR  
11 COLORADANS WHO RECEIVE THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT;

12 (III) TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIES FOR STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL  
13 HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS PURCHASED BY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS;

14 (IV) TO PAY THE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE  
15 ENTERPRISE      FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THIS PART 12,  
16 LIMITED TO THREE PERCENT OF THE ENTERPRISE'S REVENUES. ACTUAL  
17 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

18 (A) THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE ENTERPRISE, INCLUDING  
19 THE COSTS TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED  
20 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 12;

21 (B) THE ENTERPRISE'S          ACTUAL COSTS RELATED TO  
22 IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING THE FEE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON  
23 HOSPITALS, INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES;  
24 AND

25 (C) THE COSTS FOR CONDUCTING ANALYSES NECESSARY TO  
26 DETERMINE THE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO CARRIERS FOR THE PURPOSES  
27 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION AND THE

1 REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE  
2 PLANS OFFERED BY CARRIERS; AND

3 (V) TO PAY THE COSTS FOR CONSUMER ENROLLMENT, OUTREACH,  
4 AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES REGARDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE,  
5 INCLUDING:

6 (A) INCREASING GRANTS TO THE EXCHANGE'S CERTIFIED  
7 ASSISTANCE NETWORK;

8 (B) MARKETING FOR THE EXCHANGE;

9 (C) GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE  
10 ABLE TO ASSIST WITH OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT, PARTICULARLY IN  
11 COMMUNITIES THAT FACE THE GREATEST BARRIERS TO ENROLLING IN  
12 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE; AND

13 (D) IMPROVING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN UNEMPLOYMENT  
14 SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

15 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO PLANS OR BENEFITS  
16 PROVIDED UNDER MEDICAID, MEDICARE, OR THE CHILDREN'S BASIC  
17 HEALTH PLAN.

18 (2) (a) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL TRANSMIT THE FEES AND SPECIAL  
19 ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE STATE  
20 TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY CASH  
21 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 10-16-1206 AND, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
22 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL ALLOCATE THE MONEY IN THE  
23 FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (2).

24 (b) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ALLOCATE THE REVENUES COLLECTED  
25 IN 2021, AND ANY OTHER MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE FUND IN 2021, AS  
26 FOLLOWS:

27 (I) UP TO THREE PERCENT FOR ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AS

1 SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION;

2 (II) TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM CASH FUND, AN AMOUNT  
3 NECESSARY TO FUND THE PAYMENT PARAMETERS OF THE REINSURANCE  
4 PROGRAM, AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1105 (2), NOT TO  
5 EXCEED NINETY MILLION DOLLARS OR, IF THE REVENUES COLLECTED  
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION ARE LESS THAN NINETY  
7 MILLION DOLLARS, THE AMOUNT COLLECTED; AND

8 (III) OF ANY REMAINING BALANCE IN THE FUND AFTER DEDUCTING  
9 THE ALLOCATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION:

10 (A) UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUES  
11 COLLECTED OR DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND IN 2021 TO CARRIERS TO  
12 REDUCE THE COSTS OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO  
13 PURCHASE AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ON THE EXCHANGE AND  
14 RECEIVE THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT; AND

15 (B) THE REMAINING BALANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION COSTS AND  
16 CONSUMER ENROLLMENT, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES  
17 REGARDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
18 (1)(b)(V) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (c) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ALLOCATE THE REVENUES COLLECTED  
20 IN 2022, AND ANY OTHER MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE FUND IN 2022, AS  
21 FOLLOWS:

22 (I) UP TO THREE PERCENT FOR ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AS  
23 SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION;

24 (II) TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM CASH FUND, NINETY MILLION  
25 DOLLARS; AND

26 (III) OF THE REMAINING BALANCE IN THE FUND AFTER DEDUCTING  
27 THE ALLOCATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(c)(I) AND (2)(c)(II) OF

1 THIS SECTION:

2 (A) THIRTY PERCENT TO CARRIERS TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF  
3 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE AN  
4 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ON THE EXCHANGE AND RECEIVE THE  
5 PREMIUM TAX CREDIT; AND

6 (B) SEVENTY PERCENT FOR SUBSIDIES FOR STATE-SUBSIDIZED  
7 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS PURCHASED BY QUALIFIED  
8 INDIVIDUALS.

9 (d) (I) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ALLOCATE THE REVENUES  
10 COLLECTED IN 2023 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AND ANY OTHER  
11 MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE FUND IN 2023 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, IN  
12 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS AND ORDER OF PRIORITY:

13 (A) FIRST, UP TO THREE PERCENT FOR ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
14 COSTS AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION;

15 (B) SECOND, FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR SUBSIDIES FOR  
16 STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS PURCHASED BY  
17 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS;

18 (C) THIRD, THE AMOUNT REMAINING IN THE FUND, UP TO  
19 SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUES COLLECTED  
20 OR DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND IN THE APPLICABLE YEAR, BUT NOT TO  
21 EXCEED NINETY MILLION DOLLARS, TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM CASH  
22 FUND; AND

23 (D) FOURTH, UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF  
24 REVENUES COLLECTED OR DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND IN THE APPLICABLE  
25 YEAR TO CARRIERS TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS  
26 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN  
27 ON THE EXCHANGE AND RECEIVE THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT.

1 (II) IF, AFTER MAKING THE ALLOCATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION  
2 (2)(d)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THERE IS MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND IN  
3 THE APPLICABLE YEAR, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ALLOCATE THE REMAINING  
4 MONEY FOR SUBSIDIES FOR STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH  
5 COVERAGE PLANS PURCHASED BY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

6 (3) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE ALLOCATIONS  
7 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
8 REQUIREMENTS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 10-16-1207 (4).

10 (4) IF THE COMMISSIONER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1107 (4),  
11 NOTIFIES THE BOARD THAT THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE  
12 FEDERAL FUNDING PURSUANT TO A FEDERAL REINSURANCE PROGRAM OR  
13 OTHER FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM  
14 THAT IS IN EXCESS OF FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDING RECEIVED  
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1107 (1)(a)(I), THE ENTERPRISE MAY  
16 ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ENTERPRISE REVENUES  
17 ALLOCATED TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
18 (2) OF THIS SECTION BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDING THE  
19 REINSURANCE PROGRAM RECEIVES, AS INDICATED IN THE COMMISSIONER'S  
20 NOTICE, AND SHALL REALLOCATE THE PORTION OF THE ENTERPRISE  
21 REVENUES NO LONGER ALLOCATED TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO  
22 THE OTHER PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH THAT SUBSECTION (2).

24 (5) (a) THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON HOSPITALS UNDER  
25 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION MUST COMPLY WITH AND NOT  
26 VIOLATE 42 CFR 433.68. IF THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND  
27 MEDICAID SERVICES IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND

1 HUMAN SERVICES INFORMS THE STATE THAT THE STATE WILL NOT BE IN  
2 COMPLIANCE WITH 42 CFR 433.68 AS A RESULT OF THE SPECIAL  
3 ASSESSMENT ON HOSPITALS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS  
4 SECTION, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL  
5 ASSESSMENT AS NECESSARY TO AVOID ANY REDUCTION IN THE  
6 HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY FEE COLLECTED  
7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-4-402.4.

8 (b) A HOSPITAL SHALL PAY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPOSED  
9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION FROM ITS GENERAL  
10 REVENUES AND IS PROHIBITED FROM:

11 (I) COLLECTING AN ASSESSMENT FROM CONSUMERS AS ANY TYPE  
12 OF SURCHARGE ON ITS FEES;

13 (II) PASSING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON TO CONSUMERS AS ANY  
14 TYPE OF INCREASE TO FEES OR CHARGES FOR SERVICES; OR

15 (III) OTHERWISE PASSING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON TO  
16 CONSUMERS IN ANY MANNER.

17 **10-16-1206. Health insurance affordability cash fund -**  
18 **creation.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
19 HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY CASH FUND. THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

20 (a) THE FEES COLLECTED FROM CARRIERS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
21 10-16-1205 (1)(a)(I);

22 (b) THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED FROM HOSPITALS  
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205 (1)(a)(II);

24 (c) AN AMOUNT OF PREMIUM TAX REVENUES DEPOSITED IN THE  
25 FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-3-209 (4)(a)(III), NOT TO EXCEED, IN ANY  
26 YEAR, TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT THE ENTERPRISE COLLECTS  
27 FROM CARRIERS AND HOSPITALS UNDER SECTION 10-16-1205 (1)(a); ==



1           (d) THE REVENUE COLLECTED FROM REVENUE BONDS ISSUED  
2           PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1204 (1)(b)(II); AND

3           (e) ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND  
4           INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND.

5           (2) MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY  
6           OTHER FUND, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 10-16-1205 (2), AND SHALL  
7           NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN  
8           THIS PART 12.

9           (3) ALL MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY AVAILABLE AND  
10          APPROPRIATED TO THE ENTERPRISE TO USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
11          PART 12.

12          (4) THE FUND IS PART OF THE ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT  
13          TO SECTION 10-16-1204 (1).

14                 **10-16-1207. Health insurance affordability board - creation -**  
15                 **membership - powers and duties - subject to open meetings and**  
16                 **public records laws - commissioner rules. (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY**  
17                 CREATED THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY BOARD, WHICH BOARD  
18                 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNANCE OF THE ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED IN  
19                 THIS PART 12. THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING NINE VOTING  
20                 MEMBERS:

21                 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EXCHANGE OR THE  
22                 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

23                 (II) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE; AND

24                 (III) SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE  
25                 CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AS FOLLOWS:

26                 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A CARRIER;

27                 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE

1 ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS;

2 (C) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING PRIMARY CARE HEALTH CARE  
3 PROVIDERS WHO DOES NOT REPRESENT A CARRIER;

4 (D) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE CONSUMERS OF HEALTH CARE WHO  
5 ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVES OR EMPLOYEES OF A HOSPITAL, CARRIER, OR  
6 OTHER HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ENTITY. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE  
7 GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE CONSUMER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
8 ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK AFFORDABLE OFFERS OF COVERAGE FROM  
9 THEIR EMPLOYERS OR OTHERWISE STRUGGLE TO AFFORD TO PURCHASE  
10 HEALTH INSURANCE.

11 (E) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY  
12 ORGANIZATION; AND

13 (F) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A BUSINESS THAT  
14 PURCHASES OR OTHERWISE PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ITS  
15 EMPLOYEES.

16 (b) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEMPT TO  
17 APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS WHO REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE STATE  
18 WITH REGARD TO RACE, ETHNICITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, INCOME,  
19 WEALTH, ABILITY, AND GEOGRAPHY. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ONE  
20 MEMBER FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE AND SHALL  
21 ENSURE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER RESIDES ON THE EASTERN PLAINS AND ONE  
22 MEMBER RESIDES ON THE WESTERN SLOPE.

23 (c) THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
24 BOARD BY OCTOBER 1, 2020.

25 (2) (a) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS  
26 SECTION, THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPOINTED  
27 BY THE GOVERNOR IS FOUR YEARS, AND THOSE MEMBERS MAY SERVE NO

1 MORE THAN TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

2 (II) IN ORDER TO ENSURE STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE, THE  
3 INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IS:

4 (A) TWO YEARS FOR THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
5 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a)(III)(A), (1)(a)(III)(C), AND (1)(a)(III)(F) OF THIS  
6 SECTION AND FOR ONE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
7 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III)(D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

8 (B) FOUR YEARS FOR THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a)(III)(B) AND (1)(a)(III)(E) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR  
10 ONE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III)(D)  
11 OF THIS SECTION.

12 (b) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SERVE  
13 AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND MAY BE REMOVED BY THE  
14 GOVERNOR.

15 (c) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL  
16 SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER WHOSE  
17 VACANCY IS BEING FILLED.

18 (d) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL  
19 AND NECESSARY EXPENSES, INCLUDING ANY REQUIRED DEPENDENT CARE  
20 AND DEPENDENT OR ATTENDANT TRAVEL, FOOD, AND LODGING, WHILE  
21 ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

22 (3) THE BOARD SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO CARRY  
23 OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS PART 12.

24 (4) THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO:

25 (a) IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE ENTERPRISE;

26 (b) ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES  
27 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ENTERPRISE;

1 (c) RECOMMEND, FOR APPROVAL AND ESTABLISHMENT BY THE  
2 COMMISSIONER BY RULE:

3 (I) THE TIMING AND METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING AND  
4 COLLECTING THE FEE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, SUBJECT TO SECTION  
5 10-16-1205 (1)(a);

6 (II) THE DISTRIBUTION OF ENTERPRISE REVENUES ALLOCATED FOR  
7 CARRIER PAYMENTS AND SUBSIDIES IN A MANNER THAT IMPROVES  
8 AFFORDABILITY FOR SUBSIDIZED POPULATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS NOT  
9 ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT, MEDICAID, MEDICARE, OR THE  
10 CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN;

11 (III) THE PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PART 12 TO BE MADE TO  
12 CARRIERS TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS FOR  
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ON  
14 THE EXCHANGE AND RECEIVE THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT; AND

15 (IV) THE PARAMETERS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SUBSIDIES FOR  
16 STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS AUTHORIZED BY  
17 THIS PART 12, INCLUDING:

18 (A) THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER STATE-SUBSIDIZED  
19 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS, WHICH COVERAGE MUST MAXIMIZE  
20 AFFORDABILITY FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS AND MUST INCLUDE  
21 COVERAGE FOR THE LOWEST INCOME GROUP, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
22 BOARD, THAT HAS NO PREMIUM AND PROVIDES BENEFITS ACTUARIALLY  
23 EQUIVALENT TO NINETY PERCENT OF THE FULL ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE  
24 BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER THE PLAN; AND

25 (B) THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER  
26 AN INDIVIDUAL IS A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN A  
27 STATE-SUBSIDIZED INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN; AND

1 (d) ESTABLISH BYLAWS, AS APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT WITH  
2 THIS PART 12, FOR ITS EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

3 (5) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES NECESSARY FOR THE  
4 ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 12. IN ADOPTING  
5 THE RULES, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
6 OF THE BOARD AND SHALL EXPRESS IN WRITING THE REASONS FOR ANY  
7 DEVIATION FROM THE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.

8 (6) MEETINGS OF THE BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS  
9 PROVISIONS OF THE "COLORADO SUNSHINE ACT OF 1972", CONTAINED IN  
10 PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE  
11 "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, OR  
12 OTHER APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, RECORDS OF THE BOARD AND  
13 THE PROGRAM ARE SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT".

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-107, **add** (8)  
15 as follows:

16 **10-16-107. Rate filing regulation - benefits ratio - rules.**

17 (8) (a) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT RULES DESIGNED TO:

18 (I) MAXIMIZE THE PURCHASING POWER OF EXCHANGE CONSUMERS  
19 WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS UP TO FOUR HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE  
20 FEDERAL POVERTY LINE; AND

21 (II) ASSURE PREMIUM PRICING THAT COMPLIES WITH THE  
22 REQUIREMENTS IN THE FEDERAL ACT FOR MODIFIED COMMUNITY RATING.

23 (b) IN ADOPTING THESE RULES, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CONSIDER  
24 THE RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION AND STUDY OF THE REINSURANCE  
25 PROGRAM CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1104 (2).

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1104, **amend**  
27 (1)(g); and **repeal** (1)(f) as follows:

1           **10-16-1104. Commissioner powers and duties - rules - study**  
2 **and report.** (1) The commissioner has all powers necessary to  
3 implement this part 11 and is specifically authorized to:

4           (f) ~~Assess special fees against hospitals and, if applicable, carriers~~  
5 ~~for the continuous operation of the reinsurance program, as provided in~~  
6 ~~section 10-16-1108;~~

7           (g) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-16-1109, apply for a state  
8 innovation waiver OR AN EXTENSION OF A STATE INNOVATION WAIVER;  
9 APPLY FOR federal funds; or APPLY FOR both ~~in accordance with section~~  
10 ~~10-16-1109~~, A WAIVER OR EXTENSION OF A WAIVER AND FEDERAL FUNDS  
11 for the implementation and operation of the reinsurance program;

12           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1105, **amend**  
13 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(e)(I), and (2)(b) introductory portion; and **add**  
14 (2)(a.5) as follows:

15           **10-16-1105. Reinsurance program - creation - enterprise**  
16 **status - subject to waiver or funding approval - operation - payment**  
17 **parameters - calculation of reinsurance payments - eligible carrier**  
18 **requests - definition.** (1) (a) There is hereby created in the division the  
19 Colorado reinsurance program to provide reinsurance payments to  
20 eligible carriers. Implementation and operation of the reinsurance  
21 program is contingent upon approval of ~~the~~ A state innovation waiver, AN  
22 EXTENSION OF A STATE INNOVATION WAIVER, or A federal funding request  
23 submitted by the commissioner in accordance with section 10-16-1109.

24           (b) (I) The reinsurance program ~~constitutes an enterprise for~~  
25 ~~purposes of section 20 of article X of the state constitution as long as the~~  
26 ~~commissioner, on behalf of the program, retains authority to issue~~  
27 ~~revenue bonds and the program receives less than ten percent of its total~~

1 revenues in grants, as defined in section 24-77-102 (7), from all Colorado  
2 state and local governments combined. So long as it constitutes an  
3 enterprise pursuant to this section, the program is not a district for  
4 purposes of section 20 of article X of the state constitution IS PART OF THE  
5 COLORADO HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED  
6 PURSUANT TO PART 12 OF THIS ARTICLE 16.

7 (II) Subject to approval by the general assembly, either by bill or  
8 joint resolution, and after approval by the governor pursuant to section 39  
9 of article V of the state constitution, the commissioner, on behalf of the  
10 reinsurance program, is hereby authorized to issue revenue bonds for the  
11 expenses of the program, secured by revenues of the program.

12 (c) If the A state innovation waiver, AN EXTENSION OF A STATE  
13 INNOVATION WAIVER, or A federal funding request submitted by the  
14 commissioner pursuant to section 10-16-1109 is approved, the  
15 commissioner shall implement and operate the reinsurance program in  
16 accordance with this section.

17 (e) (I) On a quarterly basis during the applicable benefit year,  
18 (A) each eligible carrier shall report to the commissioner its  
19 claims costs that exceed the attachment point for that benefit year.

20 (B) Each hospital that is subject to the special fees assessed  
21 pursuant to section 10-16-1108 shall report to the commissioner the  
22 amount the hospital is responsible for funding in the benefit year; and

23 (C) If special fees are assessed against carriers pursuant to section  
24 10-16-1108 (1)(b), each carrier that is subject to the special fees shall  
25 report to the commissioner on its collected assessments in that benefit  
26 year.

27 (2) (a.5) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE COMMISSIONER

1 SHALL SET THE PAYMENT PARAMETERS FOR THE 2021 BENEFIT YEAR AT  
2 AMOUNTS TO MAINTAIN THE TARGETED CLAIMS REDUCTIONS ACHIEVED IN  
3 THE 2020 BENEFIT YEAR.

4 (b) For the ~~2021~~ 2022 benefit year AND EACH BENEFIT YEAR  
5 THEREAFTER, after a stakeholder process, the commissioner shall establish  
6 and publish the payment parameters for that benefit year by March 15  
7 ~~2020~~ OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. In setting the  
8 payment parameters under this subsection (2)(b), the commissioner shall  
9 consider the following factors as they apply in each geographic rating  
10 area in the state:

11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1106, **amend**  
12 (4) as follows:

13 **10-16-1106. Accounting - reports - audits.** (4) On or before  
14 November 1, 2020, and on or before November 1 ~~2021~~ OF EACH YEAR  
15 THEREAFTER, the division shall include an update regarding the program  
16 in its report to the members of the applicable committees of reference in  
17 the senate and house of representatives as required by the "State  
18 Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART)  
19 Government Act", part 2 of article 7 of title 2.

20 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1107, **amend**  
21 (1); and **add** (4) as follows:

22 **10-16-1107. Funding for reinsurance program - sources -**  
23 **permitted uses - reinsurance program cash fund - calculation of total**  
24 **funding for program.** (1) (a) There is hereby created in the state  
25 treasury the reinsurance program cash fund REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION  
26 AS THE "FUND", which consists of:

27 (I) Federal pass-through funding granted pursuant to 42 U.S.C.



1 sec. 18052 (a)(3) or any other federal funds that are made available for  
2 the reinsurance program;

3 ~~(H) Special fees assessed against hospitals and, if applicable,~~  
4 ~~carriers as provided in section 10-16-1108;~~

5 ~~(HH) The following amounts transferred from the general fund to~~  
6 ~~the reinsurance program cash fund, but only if House Bill 19-1245 is~~  
7 ~~enacted at the first regular session of the seventy-second general assembly~~  
8 ~~and becomes law:~~

9 ~~(A) Fifteen million dollars, transferred to the fund on June 30,~~  
10 ~~2020; and~~

11 ~~(B) Forty million dollars, transferred to the fund on June 30, 2021;~~

12 ~~(IV) An amount of premium tax revenues deposited in the fund~~  
13 ~~pursuant to section 10-3-209 (4)(a)(HH); and~~

14 ~~(V) (II) Any money the general assembly appropriates to the fund~~  
15 ~~for the program; AND~~

16 ~~(III) ANY AMOUNTS ALLOCATED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO~~  
17 ~~SECTION 10-16-1205 (2).~~

18 (b) All money deposited or paid into or TRANSFERRED,  
19 ALLOCATED, OR appropriated to the reinsurance program cash fund,  
20 including interest or income earned on the investment of money in the  
21 fund, is continuously available and appropriated to the division to be  
22 expended in accordance with this part 11. Any interest or income earned  
23 on the investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

24 (c) The reinsurance program cash fund is part of the ~~reinsurance~~  
25 ~~program enterprise established pursuant to section 10-16-1105 (1)(b)~~  
26 COLORADO HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED  
27 PURSUANT TO PART 12 OF THIS ARTICLE 16.

1           (4) (a) IF, AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), THE  
2 UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTS AND THE PRESIDENT SIGNS FEDERAL  
3 LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING OR THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES  
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IMPLEMENTS A FEDERAL  
5 REINSURANCE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE  
6 REINSURANCE PROGRAM OR OTHERWISE MAKES ADDITIONAL FEDERAL  
7 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM IN EXCESS OF THE  
8 AMOUNT RECEIVED AS FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDING PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY  
10 THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION  
11 10-16-1207 OF THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDING IN EXCESS OF THE  
12 FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDING THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE  
13 REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND THE DATE THE FUNDING IS EXPECTED TO BE  
14 RECEIVED.

15           (b) IF THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDING  
16 AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) TO MAKE REINSURANCE PAYMENTS  
17 TO CARRIERS IN A GIVEN YEAR AFTER THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
18 AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE HAS ALLOCATED MONEY TO THE  
19 REINSURANCE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205 (2) FOR THAT  
20 YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL RETURN TO THE ENTERPRISE THE  
21 ALLOCATION OR A PORTION OF THE ALLOCATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
22 ENTERPRISE, BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED FOR  
23 THAT YEAR.

24           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 10-16-1108.

25           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1109, **amend**  
26 (1)(a) as follows:

27           **10-16-1109. State innovation waiver - federal funding -**

1 **Colorado reinsurance program.** (1) (a) For purposes of implementing  
2 and operating the reinsurance program as set forth in this part 11 for plan  
3 years starting on or after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, the commissioner may  
4 apply to the secretary of the United States department of health and  
5 human services for:

6 (I) ~~A two-year state innovation waiver~~ In accordance with section  
7 1332 of the federal act, codified at 42 U.S.C. sec. 18052, and 45 CFR  
8 155.1300:

9 (A) ONE OR MORE EXTENSIONS OF THE INITIAL TWO-YEAR STATE  
10 INNOVATION WAIVER RECEIVED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
11 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I), AS AMENDED, OF UP TO FIVE YEARS PER EXTENSION;  
12 OR

13 (B) A NEW STATE INNOVATION WAIVER OF UP TO FIVE YEARS TO  
14 FOLLOW THE INITIAL TWO-YEAR STATE INNOVATION WAIVER APPROVED  
15 BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I), AS AMENDED,  
16 AND SUBSEQUENT EXTENSIONS OF ANY NEW STATE INNOVATION WAIVER  
17 APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY;

18 (II) Federal funds for the reinsurance program; or

19 (III) A NEW OR EXTENDED state innovation waiver and federal  
20 funds.

21 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1110, **repeal**  
22 (2) as follows:

23 **10-16-1110. Repeal of part - notice to revisor of statutes.**

24 (2) ~~This part 11 is repealed, effective September 1, 2023.~~

25 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-3-209, **amend**  
26 (4)(a)(III) as follows:

27 **10-3-209. Tax on premiums collected - exemptions - penalties.**

1 (4) (a) The division of insurance shall transmit all taxes, penalties, and  
2 fines it collects under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the  
3 general fund; except that the state treasurer shall deposit amounts in the  
4 specified cash funds as follows:

5 (III) (A) For the 2020-21 STATE FISCAL YEAR and ~~2021-22~~ EACH  
6 state fiscal ~~years~~ YEAR THEREAFTER, in the ~~reinsurance program~~ HEALTH  
7 INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY cash fund created in ~~section 10-16-1107~~  
8 SECTION 10-16-1206, an amount equal to the amount of premium taxes  
9 collected pursuant to this section in the 2020 calendar year OR ANY  
10 SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR that exceeds the amount of premium taxes  
11 collected pursuant to this section in the 2019 calendar year, SUBJECT TO  
12 SUBSECTION (4)(a)(III)(B) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (B) ~~This subsection (4)(a)(III) is repealed, effective September 1,~~  
14 2023 THE AMOUNT OF PREMIUM TAXES DEPOSITED IN THE HEALTH  
15 INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY CASH FUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
16 (4)(a)(III) IN ANY GIVEN YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN PERCENT OF THE  
17 AMOUNT OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
18 AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205 IN THAT  
19 YEAR. THE HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY BOARD ESTABLISHED IN  
20 SECTION 10-16-1207 SHALL NOTIFY THE TREASURER OF THE MAXIMUM  
21 AMOUNT OF PREMIUM TAXES THAT MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE HEALTH  
22 INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY CASH FUND TO COMPLY WITH THIS  
23 SUBSECTION (4)(a)(III)(B).

24 **SECTION 11. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.