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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR HOSPICE PROVIDERS IN  
102 THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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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 <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** For the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fiscal years, the bill requires the department of health care policy and financing to make a supplemental payment to hospice providers in proportion to the hospice services provided. The medical services board shall adopt rules

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

concerning the payments. The provision repeals in 2015.

The bill appropriates moneys from the general fund for the provider payments.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-304, **add** (5)  
3 as follows:

4 **25.5-5-304. Hospice care - supplemental provider payment -**  
5 **rules - repeal.** (5) (a) FOR THE 2013-14 AND 2014-15 FISCAL YEARS, THE  
6 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT TO  
7 PROVIDERS OF SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN PROPORTION TO  
8 THE HOSPICE SERVICES PROVIDED. THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES  
9 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-4-103, C.R.S., CONCERNING THE  
10 AMOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.

11 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015.

12 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other  
13 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
14 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of health care  
15 policy and financing, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum  
16 of \$317,665, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to  
17 medical services premiums for supplemental payments to providers of  
18 hospice services related to the implementation of this act.

19 (2) The general assembly has determined that administrative costs  
20 associated with implementing payments to hospice providers pursuant to  
21 section 25.5-5-304 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, can be implemented  
22 within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of  
23 state moneys is necessary for administrative costs.

24 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other

1 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
2 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of health care  
3 policy and financing, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum  
4 of \$327,195, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to  
5 medical services premiums for supplemental payments to providers of  
6 hospice services related to the implementation of this act.

7 (2) The general assembly has determined that administrative costs  
8 associated with implementing payments to hospice providers pursuant to  
9 section 25.5-5-304 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, can be implemented  
10 within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of  
11 state moneys is necessary for administrative costs.

12 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.