

CHAPTER 116

HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HOUSE BILL 26-1220

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Carter and Bradley, Espenoza, Luck, DeGraaf, Duran, Phillips;
also SENATOR(S) Exum and Rich, Liston, Mullica, Coleman.

AN ACT

CONCERNING UPDATING TERMINOLOGY FROM "ACUTE TREATMENT UNIT" TO "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENTITY" TO CONFORM WITH EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSES.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-120, **amend (5)(a)(III)(D)** as follows:

12-280-120. Compounding - dispensing - sale of drugs and devices - rules - definition.

(5) (a) A registered prescription drug outlet or other outlet may:

(III) Supply an emergency kit or starter dose, as defined by the board by rule, to:

(D) ~~Any acute treatment unit licensed by the department of public health and environment~~ A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENTITY LICENSED BY THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION and approved by the board for receipt of an emergency kit.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026

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and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 5, 2026