CHAPTER 53

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATE BILL 13-046

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Primavera, Fields, Ginal, Labuda, McLachlan, Peniston, Rosenthal, Salazar, Schafer, Vigil, Williams, Young.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF DIALYSIS TREATMENT CLINICS TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENT TO PATIENTS WITH ACUTE KIDNEY FAILURE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-108, **amend** (1) (a); and **add** (5.5) as follows:

- 25-1.5-108. Regulation of dialysis treatment clinics training for hemodialysis technicians state board of health rules definitions repeal. (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Dialysis treatment clinic" means a health facility or a department or unit of a licensed hospital that is planned, organized, operated, and maintained to provide outpatient hemodialysis treatment to, or hemodialysis training for home use of hemodialysis equipment. by, end-stage renal disease patients.
- (5.5) A DIALYSIS TREATMENT CLINIC SHALL NOT PROVIDE OUTPATIENT HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENT TO A NON-END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE PATIENT WITHOUT A REFERRAL FOR TREATMENT FROM A BOARD-CERTIFIED OR BOARD-ELIGIBLE NEPHROLOGIST LICENSED AS A PHYSICIAN IN COLORADO. WHEN MAKING THE REFERRAL, THE NEPHROLOGIST AND OTHER LICENSED PHYSICIANS WHO CARED FOR THE PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL SHALL USE THEIR PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT TO DETERMINE WHEN THE PATIENT NO LONGER REQUIRES HOSPITALIZATION AND MAY RECEIVE OUTPATIENT DIALYSIS.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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