



# COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING

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*A Fact Sheet*

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## **BRI-4 Medicaid Program Efficiencies**

**Request:** The Department requests a reduction of \$10,097,162 total funds, \$4,463,450 General Fund in FY 2010-11 in order to reduce expenditure related to home health services for nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and assessment and teaching visits. The Department will accomplish this reduction by requiring a change in the way that home health agencies and providers bill for services.

Summary of Request FY 2010-11	Total Funds	General Fund	Federal Funds
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>(\$10,097,162)</b>	<b>(\$4,463,448)</b>	<b>(\$5,633,714)</b>
Nursing	(\$6,691,289)	(\$3,345,644)	(\$3,345,645)
Physical Therapy	(\$1,360,644)	(\$680,322)	(\$680,322)
Occupational Therapy	(\$1,006,801)	(\$503,400)	(\$503,401)
Speech/Language Therapy	(\$1,036,927)	(\$518,463)	(\$518,464)
Nursing visit for Assessment and Teaching	(\$1,501)	(\$750)	(\$751)
Long Bill Group Total: Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance	\$0	\$585,131	(\$585,131)

### **Highlights:**

- To ensure that the Department is paying only for the time that a provider spends with a client, the Department proposes to require providers to bill the Department in half hour increments. Under the Department's current billing rules, providers who perform these services bill the Department for a single unit of service for every visit, regardless of the amount of time that the provider spends with the client.
- Because not all clients require a 2.5 hour visit, the Department will reduce expenditure by not paying providers for time that is not spent with clients. The Department estimates, on average, that clients receive an average of 2.0 hours of care per visit.
- The Department is not reducing the maximum daily amount of care that a client care can receive. Under this proposal, clients will still have access to up to 2.5 hours of care, depending on the client's health needs. Therefore, no client should be affected by this change to the billing practice.

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