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state-funded recovery community center or other recovery community center until every county has a center. It requires the department to give periodic updates to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Resolve 2021, chapter 46 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.

LD 497 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Report on Child Abuse Prevention Efforts To Implement the Family First Prevention Services Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 24 directs the Department of Health and Human Services, no later than January 15, 2022, to report on its child abuse prevention work undertaken as part of implementing the federal Family First Prevention Services Act.

LD 529 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Needs of Persons with Low-incidence Health Conditions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 22 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a review of the needs of persons with low-incidence health conditions and develop a plan to address the unmet needs of those persons. It directs the department to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2022 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 559 An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 284 adds references to persons with acquired brain injuries to laws providing rights and basic protections to persons with intellectual disabilities or autism, including laws governing grievance procedures. It directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to develop and recommend rules and procedures regarding the rights and basic protections of persons with acquired brain injuries. It also requires the commissioner to report the findings and recommendations of the task force to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 2, 2022. It authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report submitted by the task force established in this legislation. It also directs the Department of Health and Human

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Services to adopt routine technical rules relating to the rights and protections of persons with acquired brain injuries no later than July 1, 2022.

Public Law 2021, chapter 284 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2021.

LD 577 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 12 provides for legislative review of Chapter 6: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services. The rule requires the department to maintain sufficient capacity to offer statewide in-home and out-of-home crisis prevention and intervention services for adults with intellectual disabilities, acquired brain injury, and autism spectrum disorders. The rule specifies requirements for service locations, transportation, 24/7 dedicated crisis telephone intake service, crisis management, placements, emergency transitional housing, post-crisis services, training, and data collection and reporting.

Resolve 2021, chapter 12 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

LD 578 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Infection Prevention and Control, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Certification

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 13 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Infection Prevention and Control, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Certification. The rule requires all facilities to establish, implement and maintain an Infection Prevention and Control Plan (IPCP) to control the transmission of infectious diseases among residents, staff, visitors and others providing services.

Resolve 2021, chapter 13 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.