

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 12, 2024
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB24-1115 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike line 6 and substitute:
 - 2 (I) "PATIENT" MEANS A PATIENT AND A PATIENT'S CARETAKER.
 - 3 (II) "PATIENT'S EXTERNAL ACCESSIBLE DEVICE" MEANS A".
- 4 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.
- 5 Page 2, line 16, strike "EXCEPT" and substitute "ON AND AFTER JULY 1,
6 2025, EXCEPT".
- 7 Page 2, line 16, strike "SUBSECTIONS (4)(e) AND (4)(f)" and substitute
8 "SUBSECTION (4)(c)".
- 9 Page 3, strike lines 14 through 22.
- 10 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 11 Page 4, line 1, strike "BOARD" and substitute "STATE BOARD OF
12 PHARMACY".
- 13 Page 4, strike lines 5 through 12 and substitute:
 - 14 (d) PHARMACIES SHALL MAKE GOOD FAITH, SUSTAINED, PERIODIC,
15 AND REASONABLE EFFORTS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT PRESCRIPTION
16 DRUG LABEL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN ACCESSIBLE FORMATS FOR
17 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY SEEING OR READING STANDARD
18 PRINTED LABELS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONTAINERS.
 - 19 (e) PHARMACIES SHALL OTHERWISE FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES AS

1 RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED STATES ACCESS BOARD, OR ITS
2 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, FOR PHARMACIES IN PROVIDING INDEPENDENT
3 ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABEL INFORMATION."

4 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

5 Page 4, strike lines 15 through 26.

6 Page 5, strike lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

7 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25-1.5-121 as
8 follows:

9 **25-1.5-121. Pharmacy labels - prescription accessibility grant**
10 **program - repeal.** (1) THE PRESCRIPTION ACCESSIBILITY GRANT
11 PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT
12 PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE HARDSHIP GRANTS TO PHARMACIES FOR THE
13 PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT USED TO CREATE ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION
14 LABELS.

15 (2) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
16 THE GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT USED TO CREATE
17 ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABELS.

18 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM
19 AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS
20 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. GRANTS MUST BE PAID OUT OF MONEY
21 APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6)
22 OF THIS SECTION.

23 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN
24 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
25 DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE THE RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
26 THE GRANT PROGRAM.

27 (5) (a) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, A PHARMACY MUST SUBMIT AN
28 APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES
29 PROMULGATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

30 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
31 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

32 (c) EACH GRANT RECIPIENT MAY BE AWARDED UP TO ONE
33 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

34 (6) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE JULY
35 1, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
36 SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY WITHIN
37 FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT AWARDS THE GRANTS.

38 (7) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
39 SUBMIT A SUMMARIZED REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON THE
3 GRANT PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE
4 NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED, THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT, AND THE
5 GRANT RECIPIENTS.

6 (8) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE EIGHTY
7 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT TO
8 IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE A PORTION
9 OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM TO PAY THE DIRECT AND
10 INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE
11 GRANT PROGRAM.

12 (9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

13 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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