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**HOUSE BILL 18-1007**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING PAYMENT ISSUES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE USE**  
102 **DISORDERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee.** The bill requires all individual and group health benefit plans to provide coverage without prior authorization for a five-day supply of buprenorphine for a first request within a 12-month period.

Additionally, all individual and group health benefit plans that cover physical therapy, acupuncture, or chiropractic services shall not

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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subject those services to dollar limits, deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance provisions that are less favorable than those applicable to primary care services under the plan if the covered person has a diagnosis of chronic pain and has or has had a substance use disorder diagnosis.

The bill prohibits carriers from taking adverse action against a provider or from providing financial incentives or disincentives to a provider based solely on a patient satisfaction survey relating to the patient's satisfaction with pain treatment.

The bill clarifies that an "urgent prior authorization request" to a carrier includes a request for authorization of medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders.

The bill permits a pharmacist who has entered into a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement with one or more physicians to administer injectable medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders and receive an enhanced dispensing fee for the administration.

The bill prohibits carriers from requiring a covered person to undergo step therapy using a prescription drug or drugs that include an opioid before covering a non-opioid prescription drug recommended by the covered person's provider.

The bill requires the Colorado medical assistance program to authorize reimbursement for a ready-to-use version of intranasal naloxone hydrochloride without prior authorization.

The bill prohibits the requirement that a recipient of medical assistance undergo a step-therapy protocol using a prescription drug containing an opioid prior to authorizing reimbursement for a non-opioid prescription drug recommended by the person's health care provider.

The bill permits a pharmacist who has entered into a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement with one or more physicians to administer injectable medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders and receive an enhanced dispensing fee under the Colorado medical assistance program for the administration.

The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing and the office of behavioral health in the department of human services to establish rules that standardize utilization management authority timelines for the non-pharmaceutical components of medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-104, **amend**

3 (5.5)(a)(III) as follows:

4 **10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - definitions -**

1 **rules. (5.5) Behavioral, mental health, and substance use disorders**  
2 **- rules. (a) (III) (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5.5)(a)(III)(B)**  
3 **OF THIS SECTION, any preauthorization or utilization review mechanism**  
4 **used in the determination to provide the coverage required by this**  
5 **paragraph (a) SUBSECTION (5.5)(a) must be the same as, or no more**  
6 **restrictive than, that used in the determination to provide coverage for a**  
7 **physical illness. The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to**  
8 **implement and administer this subsection (5.5).**

9 (B) A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5.5)  
10 MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR A  
11 FIVE-DAY SUPPLY OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG  
12 ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID  
13 DEPENDENCE; EXCEPT THAT THIS REQUIREMENT IS LIMITED TO A FIRST  
14 REQUEST WITHIN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-121, **add**  
16 **(1)(e) as follows:**

17 **10-16-121. Required contract provisions in contracts between**  
18 **carriers and providers - definitions. (1) A contract between a carrier**  
19 **and a provider or its representative concerning the delivery, provision,**  
20 **payment, or offering of care or services covered by a managed care plan**  
21 **must make provisions for the following requirements:**

22 (e) THE CONTRACT MUST CONTAIN A PROVISION THAT STATES THE  
23 CARRIER SHALL NOT TAKE AN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A PROVIDER OR  
24 PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES OR SUBJECT THE PROVIDER TO FINANCIAL  
25 DISINCENTIVES BASED SOLELY ON A PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY OR  
26 OTHER METHOD OF OBTAINING PATIENT FEEDBACK RELATING TO THE  
27 PATIENT'S SATISFACTION WITH PAIN TREATMENT.

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-124.5, **amend**  
2 (8)(b) as follows:

3           **10-16-124.5. Prior authorization form - drug benefits - rules**  
4 **of commissioner - definitions.** (8) As used in this section:

5           (b) "Urgent prior authorization request" means:

6           (I) A request for prior authorization of a drug benefit that, based  
7 on the reasonable opinion of the prescribing provider with knowledge of  
8 the covered person's medical condition, if determined in the time allowed  
9 for nonurgent prior authorization requests, could:

10           (⊕) (A) Seriously jeopardize the life or health of the covered  
11 person or the ability of the covered person to regain maximum function;  
12 or

13           (⊕) (B) Subject the covered person to severe pain that cannot be  
14 adequately managed without the drug benefit that is the subject of the  
15 prior authorization request; OR

16           (II) A REQUEST FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR  
17 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.

18           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-143.5 as  
19 follows:

20           **10-16-143.5. Pharmacy reimbursement - substance use**  
21 **disorder - injections.** IF A PHARMACY HAS ENTERED INTO A  
22 COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE  
23 PHYSICIANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-42.5-602 TO ADMINISTER  
24 INJECTABLE ANTAGONIST MEDICATION FOR MEDICATION-ASSISTED  
25 TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, THE PHARMACY  
26 ADMINISTERING THE DRUG SHALL RECEIVE AN ENHANCED DISPENSING FEE.

27           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-411, **amend**

1 (4)(b) as follows:

2 **25.5-5-411. Medicaid community mental health services -**  
3 **legislative declaration - administration - rules.** (4) (b) (I) The state  
4 department shall establish cost-effective, capitated rates for community  
5 mental health services in a manner that includes cost containment  
6 mechanisms. These cost containment mechanisms may include, but are  
7 not limited to, restricting average per member per month utilization  
8 growth, restricting unit cost growth, limiting allowable administrative  
9 cost, establishing minimum medical loss ratios, or establishing other cost  
10 containment mechanisms that the state department determines  
11 appropriate.

12 (II) THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL  
13 HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IN COLLABORATION  
14 WITH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS AND SUBSTANCE  
15 USE DISORDER PROVIDERS, SHALL ESTABLISH RULES THAT STANDARDIZE  
16 UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY TIMELINES FOR THE  
17 NONPHARMACEUTICAL COMPONENTS OF MEDICATION-ASSISTED  
18 TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25.5-5-509** as  
20 follows:

21 **25.5-5-509. Substance use disorder - prescription drugs.**  
22 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 5 TO THE CONTRARY,  
23 FOR THE TREATMENT OF A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, IN PROMULGATING  
24 RULES, AND SUBJECT TO ANY NECESSARY FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION, THE  
25 STATE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT FOR AT LEAST ONE  
26 FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED READY-TO-USE  
27 OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUG WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.

1           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25.5-5-510** as  
2 follows:

3           **25.5-5-510. Pharmacy reimbursement - substance use disorder**  
4 **- injections.** IF A PHARMACY HAS ENTERED INTO A COLLABORATIVE  
5 PHARMACY PRACTICE AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE PHYSICIANS  
6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-42.5-602 TO ADMINISTER INJECTABLE  
7 ANTAGONIST MEDICATION FOR MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR  
8 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, THE PHARMACY ADMINISTERING THE DRUG  
9 SHALL RECEIVE AN ENHANCED DISPENSING FEE THAT ALIGNS WITH THE  
10 ADMINISTRATION FEE PAID TO A PROVIDER IN A CLINICAL SETTING.

11           **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect January 1, 2019; except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
13 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this  
14 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period  
15 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,  
16 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
17 general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take  
18 effect on January 1, 2019, or on the date of the official declaration of the  
19 vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.