A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADDING RESIDENTIAL AND INPATIENT TREATMENT TO THE COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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 adds residential and inpatient substance use disorder
services to the Colorado medical assistance program. The benefit is limited to persons who meet nationally recognized, evidence-based level of care criteria for residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment. The benefit will not be effective until the department of health care policy and financing seeks and receives any federal authorization necessary to secure federal financial participation in the program.

If an enhanced residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment benefit becomes available, managed care organizations shall reprioritize the use of money allocated from the marijuana tax cash fund to assist in providing treatment, including residential treatment, to persons who are not otherwise covered by public or private insurance.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-202, add
(1)(x) as follows:

25.5-5-202. Basic services for the categorically needy - optional services - repeal. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the following are services for which federal financial participation is available and that Colorado has selected to provide as optional services under the medical assistance program:

(x) (I) RESIDENTIAL AND INPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND MEDICAL DETOXIFICATION SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 25.5-5-324.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1)(x)(I) OF THIS SECTION, RESIDENTIAL AND INPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNLESS ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATION HAVE BEEN OBTAINED TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH SERVICES.

(III) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25.5-5-324 as
follows:

25.5-5-324. Residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment - medical detoxification services - federal approval - repeal.

(1) Subject to available appropriations and to the extent permitted under federal law, the medical assistance program pursuant to this article 5 and articles 4 and 6 of this title 25.5 includes residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services. Participation in the residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services benefit is limited to persons who meet nationally recognized, evidence-based, level of care criteria for residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services. The benefit shall serve persons with substance use disorders, including those with co-occurring mental health disorders.

(2) (a) No later than October 1, 2018, the state department shall seek federal authorization to provide residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services with full federal financial participation. Residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services shall not take effect until federal approval has been obtained.

(b) Prior to seeking federal approval pursuant to subsection (2)(a) of this section, the state department shall seek input from relevant stakeholders, including existing providers of substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services and managed service organizations. The state
DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK INPUT AND INVOLVE STAKEHOLDERS IN
DECISIONS REGARDING:

(I) THE COORDINATION OF BENEFITS WITH MANAGED SERVICE
ORGANIZATIONS AND THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

(II) THE MOST APPROPRIATE ENTITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE
BENEFIT;

(III) THE PROVISION OF WRAPAROUND SERVICES NEEDED DURING
TREATMENT AND THE PROVISION OF REQUIRED SERVICES FOLLOWING
TREATMENT THAT MAY NOT BE COVERED THROUGH THE MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

(IV) THE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF SERVICES;

AND

(V) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REIMBURSEMENT RATE
METHODOLOGY TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY THAT CONSIDERS A
PROVIDER'S COST OF PROVIDING CARE INCLUDING LOWER-VOLUME
PROVIDERS IN RURAL AREAS.

(3) (a) No later than January 15, 2022, the state
DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JOINT
BUDGET COMMITTEE AND TO THE JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, CONCERNING THE
RESIDENTIAL AND INPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT
PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM:

(I) THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED SERVICES PURSUANT
TO THIS SECTION AND THE SERVICE PROVIDED;

(II) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT SERVICES WERE PROVIDED;

(III) THE LOCATION WHERE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED;
(IV) The effectiveness of the services provided, including the rate of relapse to substance use disorder following treatment; and

(V) Any other information as determined by the state department that is relevant to the benefit.

(b) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-107.5, amend (4)(c) as follows:

27-80-107.5. Increasing access to effective substance use disorder services act - managed service organizations - substance use disorder services - assessment - community action plan - allocations - reporting requirements - evaluation. (4) (c) It is the intent of the general assembly that each designated managed service organization use money allocated to it from the marijuana tax cash fund to cover expenditures for substance use disorder services that are not otherwise covered by public or private insurance. Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) subsection (4)(a) of this section, each managed service organization may use its allocation from the marijuana tax cash fund to implement its community action plan and increase access to substance use disorder services for populations in need of such services that are within its geographic region. If an enhanced residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment and medical detoxification services benefit becomes available under the Colorado medical assistance program, managed service organizations shall determine to what extent money allocated from the marijuana tax cash fund may be used to assist in providing substance use disorder treatment, including
RESIDENTIAL AND INPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND
MEDICAL DETOXIFICATION SERVICES, IF THOSE SERVICES ARE NOT
OTHERWISE COVERED BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSURANCE.

SECTION 4. Appropriation. (1) For the 2018-19 state fiscal
year, $236,827 is appropriated to the department of health care policy and
financing for use by the executive director's office. Of this appropriation,
$155,193 is from the general fund and $81,634 is from the healthcare
affordability and sustainability fee cash fund created in section
25.5-4-402.4 (5)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the office may use this
appropriation as follows:

(a) $51,375, which consists of $33,666 from the general fund and
$17,709 from the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee cash fund,
for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the
office will require an additional 1.5 FTE;

(b) $72,952, which consists of $47,806 from the general fund and
$25,146 from the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee cash fund,
for operating expenses; and

(c) $112,500, which consists of $73,721 from the general fund and
$38,779 from the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee cash fund,
for general professional services and special projects.

(2) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, the general assembly
anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will
receive $236,828 in federal funds to implement this act, which amount is
included for informational purposes only. The appropriation in subsection
(1) of this section is based on the assumption that the department will
receive this amount of federal funds to be used by the executive director's
office as follows:
(a) $51,375 for personal services;
(b) $72,953 for operating expenses; and
(c) $112,500 for general professional services and special projects.

SECTION 5. 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.