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HOUSE BILL 18-1196

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House Committees

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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO VERIFY THE DISABILITY OF AN**
102 **APPLICANT TO THE AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED PROGRAM.**

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>.)

Under current law, in order to receive assistance under the aid to the needy disabled program, an applicant must be examined by a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, or registered nurse. The bill adds to the list of persons authorized to perform an examination a licensed or certified psychologist, a licensed social worker, a licensed professional counselor, or any other qualified personnel the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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department of human services deems appropriate. Any person who performs an examination is required to certify the diagnosis, prognosis, and other relevant medical or mental factors relating to the applicant's disability.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-106, **amend**
3 (6)(a) as follows:

4 **26-2-106. Applications for public assistance.** (6) (a) An
5 application for aid to the needy disabled must not be approved until the
6 applicant's medical condition has been certified by a physician licensed
7 to practice medicine in this state, a physician assistant licensed in this
8 state, or an advanced practice nurse licensed in this state. In addition to
9 a physician, an applicant may be examined by a physician assistant
10 licensed in this state, ~~by an advanced practice nurse, or by a registered~~
11 ~~nurse licensed in this state who is functioning within the scope of the~~
12 ~~nurse's license and training, A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, OR ANY OTHER~~
13 ~~LICENSED OR CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL THE STATE~~
14 ~~DEPARTMENT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. The supervising physician, or the~~
15 ~~physician, physician assistant, or nurse~~ PERSON who conducted the
16 examination shall certify in writing upon forms prescribed by the state
17 department as to the diagnosis, prognosis, and other relevant medical or
18 mental factors relating to the applicant's disability. An applicant who is
19 disabled as a result of a primary diagnosis of an alcohol use disorder or
20 a substance use disorder related to controlled substances must not be
21 approved for aid to the needy disabled except as provided in section
22 26-2-111 (4)(e).

23 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.