

CHAPTER 112

INSURANCE

HOUSE BILL 18-1112

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Becker J. and Esgar, Becker K., Ginal, Herod, Hooton, Kennedy, Lontine, Melton, Rosenthal, Valdez, Young, Duran;
also SENATOR(S) Crowder, Aguilar, Coram, Court, Donovan, Fields, Garcia, Jahn, Jones, Kagan, Kefalas, Merrifield, Moreno, Sonnenberg, Todd, Williams A., Grantham.

AN ACT**CONCERNING COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PHARMACIST.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-144, **add** (2) as follows:

10-16-144. Health care services provided by pharmacists. (2) (a) A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PHARMACIST WITHIN A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA, AS DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 254e, IF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A CARRIER TO CONTRACT WITH A PHARMACY OR PHARMACIST WILLING TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OR CARRIER.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 9, 2018

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