HB21-1276
HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT
Second Reading   BY REPRESENTATIVE Kennedy

1   Amend printed bill, page 4, strike lines 2 through 14.

2   Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

3   Page 4, after line 18 insert:
4   "(e) There is growing evidence of the harms of inappropriately
5   prescribing benzodiazepines, especially long-term prescribing for acute
6   conditions, which contributes to physical dependence and potential for
7   misuse, drug interactions, or overdose;
8   (f) Although Colorado's opioid prescription limit explicitly
9   exempts certain diagnoses, including cancer and chronic pain, many
10   chronic pain patients have nonetheless found their prescriptions limited;
11   (g) There are many legitimate uses of opioids and
12   benzodiazepines, especially for patients with chronic conditions, and
13   limiting access for these patients can cause considerable harm, especially
14   when they are titrated too rapidly;".

15   Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

16   Page 4, line 19, strike "Chances" and substitute "Notwithstanding the
17   legitimate uses of these medications, chances".

18   Page 4, strike lines 20 through 27 and substitute "benzodiazepines; and".

19   Page 5, strike line 1.

20   Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

21   Page 5, line 2, strike "Medical education" and substitute "Education".

22   Page 5, strike line 7 through 12 and substitute:
23   "(a) Reduce out-of-pocket costs for physical therapy, occupational
24   therapy, chiropractic services, and acupuncture services;
25   (b) Remove barriers to coverage of atypical opioids, such as
26   buprenorphine, tramadol, and tapentadol;
27   (c) Continue to limit opioid prescriptions and require prescribers
28   to query the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP);
29   (d) Establish limits on benzodiazepine prescriptions for certain
30   conditions and require prescribers to query the PDMP;
31   (e) Make it easier for providers to query the PDMP by integrating
32   it into electronic health records systems;".

1   Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

2   Page 5, strike lines 16 through 18.

3   Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

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