After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB20-1085 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 9 through 11.

2 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 15 and substitute "ALTERNATIVE TO OPIOIDS."

3 Page 4, line 16, strike "(c)" and substitute "(b)"

4 Page 4, strike lines 17 through 20 and substitute:

   "(I) INCLUDE, AT THE CARRIERS' LOWEST COST-SHARING TIER, A MINIMUM OF SIX PHYSICAL THERAPY VISITS, SIX OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY VISITS, SIX CHIROPRACTIC VISITS, AND SIX ACUPUNCTURE VISITS; AND"

5 Page 4, after line 23 insert:

   "(c) AT THE TIME OF A COVERED PERSON'S INITIAL VISIT FOR TREATMENT, A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, ACUPUNCTURIST, OR CHIROPRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE COVERED PERSON'S CARRIER THAT THE COVERED PERSON HAS STARTED TREATMENT WITH THE PROVIDER."

6 Page 6, strike lines 5 through 8 and substitute:

   "(c) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "NONOPIOID OR AN
ATYPICAL OPIOID" MEANS ANALGESICS WITH FAR LOWER FATALITY RATES THAN PURE OPIOID AGONISTS AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE COMMISSIONER.".

Page 7, line 9, strike "repeal (5)" and substitute "amend (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(I), (1)(a)(IV), (1)(b), and (4) introductory portion; amend as it exists until July 1, 2021, (2); repeal (5); and add (6)".

Page 7, strike lines 11 through 27.

Page 8, strike lines 1 through 14 and substitute:

"12-30-109. Prescriptions - limitations - definition - rules. (1) (a) An opioid prescriber shall not prescribe more than a seven-day supply of an opioid to a patient who has not had an opioid prescription in the last twelve months by that opioid prescriber and may exercise discretion to include a second fill for a seven-day supply. The limits on initial prescribing do not apply if, in the judgment of the opioid prescriber, the patient:

(I) Has chronic pain that typically lasts longer than ninety days or past the time of normal healing, as determined by the opioid prescriber, or following transfer of care from another opioid prescriber who practices the same profession and who prescribed an opioid to the patient;

(IV) Is undergoing palliative care or hospice care focused on providing the patient with relief from symptoms, pain, and stress resulting from a serious illness in order to improve quality of life; except that this subsection (1)(a)(IV) applies only if the opioid prescriber is a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice nurse.

(b) Prior to prescribing the second fill of any opioid OR BENZODIAZEPINE prescription pursuant to this section, an opioid prescriber must comply with the requirements of section 12-280-404 (4). Failure to comply with section 12-280-404 (4) constitutes unprofessional conduct or grounds for discipline, as applicable, under section 12-220-130, 12-240-121, 12-255-120, 12-275-120, 12-290-108, or 12-315-112, as applicable to the particular opioid prescriber, only if the opioid prescriber repeatedly fails to comply.

(2) An opioid prescriber licensed pursuant to article 220, 240, 255, 275, 290, or 315 of this title 12 may prescribe opioids AND BENZODIAZEPINES electronically.

(4) As used in this section, "opioid prescriber" "PRESCRIBER"
means:

(5) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2021.

(6) The Executive Director shall, by rule, limit the supply of a benzodiazepine that a prescriber may prescribe to a patient who has not had a benzodiazepine prescription in the last twelve months by that prescriber.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-30-109, amend as it exists from July 1, 2021, until July 1, 2023, (2) as follows:


(2) An opioid A prescriber licensed pursuant to article 220 or 315 of this title 12 may prescribe opioids and benzodiazepines electronically.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-30-109, amend as it will become effective July 1, 2023, (2) as follows:


(2) An opioid A prescriber licensed pursuant to article 315 of this title 12 may prescribe opioids and benzodiazepines electronically.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-111, amend as follows:

12-220-111. Dentists may prescribe drugs - surgical operations - anesthesia - limits on prescriptions. (2) (a) A dentist is subject to the limitations on prescribing opioids specified in section 12-30-109.

(b) This subsection (2) is repealed, effective September 1, 2021.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-240-123 as follows:

12-240-123. Prescriptions - limitations. (1) A physician or physician assistant is subject to the limitations on prescribing opioids specified in section 12-30-109.

(2) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2021.

SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-112, amend as follows:

12-255-112. Prescriptive authority - advanced practice nurses - limits on prescriptions - rules - financial benefit for prescribing prohibited. (6) (a) An advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority pursuant to this section is subject to the limitations on prescribing opioids specified in section 12-30-109.

(b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective September 1, 2021."

SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-275-113, amend as follows:

12-275-113. Use of prescription and nonprescription drugs - limits on prescriptions. (5) (a) An optometrist is subject to the
limitations on prescribing opioids. PRESCRIPTIONS specified in section 12-30-109.

(b) This subsection (5) is repealed, effective September 1, 2021.

SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-290-111, amend (3) as follows:

12-290-111. Prescriptions - requirement to advise patients - limits on prescriptions. (3) (a) A podiatrist is subject to the limitations on prescribing opioids. PRESCRIPTIONS specified in section 12-30-109.

(b) This subsection (3) is repealed, effective September 1, 2021.

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-315-126 as follows:

12-315-126. Prescriptions - limitations. (1) A veterinarian is subject to the limitations on prescribing opioids. PRESCRIPTIONS specified in section 12-30-109.

(2) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2021."

SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-130, repeal (3) as follows:

12-240-130. Procedure - registration - fees. (3) Applicants for relicensure shall not be required to attend and complete continuing medical education programs, except as directed by the board to correct deficiencies of training or education as directed under section 12-240-125 (5)(c)(III)(B):"

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 8, strike lines 18 and 19 and substitute "prescribing opioids - rules."

THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH INTO"

Page 8, line 26, strike "INITIAL" and strike "AND".

Page 9, line 7, strike "DIRECTOR" and substitute "BOARD".

Page 9, line 10, strike "DIRECTOR;" and substitute "BOARD;".

Page 9, line 24, strike "DIRECTOR" and substitute "BOARD".

Page 11, line 26, after "A" insert "SECOND FILL FOR A".

Page 12, line 2, strike "OR PSYCHOLOGICAL".

Page 12, strike line 7 and substitute "prescribing the second fill for an
opioid OR A BENZODIAZEPINE and the".

Page 12, line 10, strike "DIRECTOR" and substitute "BOARD".

Page 15, line 4, strike "2019-20" and substitute "2020-21".

Page 15, strike lines 11 through 14 and substitute "EXPANDED TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO MONITOR FIDELITY TO THE SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT MODEL THROUGH QUALITATIVE AND".

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