HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

January 29, 2025 Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

<u>HB25-1002</u> be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(5.5)(b),".
- 2 Page 6, strike lines 4 and 5 and substitute "PROVIDE SERVICES TO MAKE
- 3 AVAILABLE THE COVERED SERVICE".
- 4 Page 7, strike lines 19 through 27.
- 5 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 3.
- 6 Page 9, line 8, strike "SOCIOLOGY," and substitute "SOCIAL WORK,
 7 PSYCHIATRIC NURSING,".
- 8 Page 10, strike lines 9 through 20 and substitute:

9 "(VI) "UTILIZATION REVIEW CRITERIA" MEANS AN EVALUATION OF 10 THE NECESSITY, APPROPRIATENESS, AND EFFICIENCY OF THE USE OF 11 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, PROCEDURES, AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING 12 OUT-OF-NETWORK SERVICES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 13 (5.5)(a)(V)(D) OF THIS SECTION. "UTILIZATION REVIEW CRITERIA" DOES 14 NOT INCLUDE AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION PROVIDED FOR IN 15 ANY POLICY.

16 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 17 takes effect January 1, 2026; except that, if a referendum petition is filed 18 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this 19 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period 20 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, 21 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the

- 1 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
- 2 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
- 3 governor.".

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