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SENATE BILL 17-074

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM IN CERTAIN AREAS  
102 OF THE STATE EXPERIENCING HIGH LEVELS OF OPIOID  
103 ADDICTION TO AWARD GRANTS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO  
104 ADDICTION TREATMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
105 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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>.)*

The bill creates the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) expansion pilot program, administered by the university of Colorado

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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college of nursing, to expand access to medication-assisted treatment to opioid-dependent patients in Pueblo and Routt counties. The pilot program will provide grants to community- and office-based practices, behavioral health organizations, and substance abuse treatment organizations to:

- ! Assist nurse practitioners and physician assistants working in those settings to obtain training and support required under the federal "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016" (CARA) to enable them to prescribe buprenorphine as part of providing MAT to opioid-dependent patients; and
- ! Provide behavioral therapies in conjunction with medication as part of the provision of MAT to opioid-dependent patients.

The general assembly is directed to appropriate \$500,000 per year for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years from the marijuana tax cash fund to the university of Colorado board of regents, for allocation to the college of nursing to implement the pilot program.

Each grant recipient must submit a report to the college of nursing regarding the use of the grant, and the college of nursing must submit a summarized report to the governor and the health committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the pilot program.

The pilot program is established and funded for 2 years and repeals on June 30, 2020.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 8 to article  
3 21 of title 23 as follows:

4 PART 8

5 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

6 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM

7 **23-21-801. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 8 IS THE  
8 "MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM ACT".

9 **23-21-802. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
10 FINDS THAT:

11 (a) IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE GROWING OPIOID ADDICTION

1 PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE NATION, ON JULY 22, 2016, PRESIDENT  
2 OBAMA SIGNED INTO LAW THE FEDERAL "COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION  
3 AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016", ALSO REFERRED TO AS "CARA";

4 (b) CARA AUTHORIZES QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND  
5 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN COMMUNITY- AND OFFICE-BASED PRACTICE  
6 SETTINGS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MEDICATIONS USED IN THE TREATMENT  
7 OF OPIOID ADDICTION AS A MEANS OF INCREASING ACCESS TO TREATMENT  
8 FOR OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS;

9 (c) OPIOID ADDICTION HAS EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC  
10 HEALTH CONCERN IN COLORADO, WITH OVER TEN THOUSAND DEATHS  
11 ATTRIBUTED TO DRUG OVERDOSE SINCE 2000 AND THE ANNUAL RATE OF  
12 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS DOUBLING FROM 7.8 DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED  
13 THOUSAND PEOPLE IN 2000 TO 15.7 DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
14 PEOPLE IN 2015, A RATE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL  
15 RATE;

16 (d) SOUTHEAST COLORADO COMPRISES SIX PERCENT OF THE  
17 STATE'S POPULATION AND ACCOUNTS FOR EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF  
18 ADMISSIONS FOR HEROIN TREATMENT, THE PUEBLO COUNTY JAIL SEES  
19 OVER ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED OPIOID PROTOCOL PRISONERS EACH  
20 YEAR, AND THE PUEBLO FIRE DEPARTMENT USED AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST  
21 TO HALT AN OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT ONE HUNDRED  
22 FORTY TIMES IN 2015;

23 (e) IN ROUTT COUNTY, DRUG OVERDOSE DEATH RATES HAVE  
24 INCREASED NEARLY SIX-FOLD FROM 2014 TO 2016, AND OVER SIXTY-FIVE  
25 PERCENT OF THESE DEATHS WERE RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS;

26 (f) DESPITE THE PREVALENCE OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND  
27 OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE EVENTS IN PUEBLO AND ROUTT COUNTIES,

1 ONLY THREE DOCTORS IN PUEBLO COUNTY AND ONE DOCTOR IN ROUTT  
2 COUNTY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO  
3 OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS IN THOSE COUNTIES;

4 (g) MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE USE  
5 OF MEDICATION AND BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS WITH  
6 OPIOID ADDICTIVE DISORDERS:

7 (I) HAS PROVEN TO BE CLINICALLY EFFECTIVE AND TO  
8 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NEED FOR INPATIENT DETOXIFICATION  
9 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID ADDICTIVE DISORDERS;

10 (II) PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE, INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED  
11 PROGRAM OF TREATMENT FOR OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS;

12 (III) IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE FULL RECOVERY;

13 (IV) CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LOWERING A PERSON'S RISK OF  
14 CONTRACTING HIV OR HEPATITIS C BY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL FOR  
15 RELAPSE; AND

16 (V) HAS IMPROVED PATIENT SURVIVAL RATES, INCREASED  
17 RETENTION IN TREATMENT, DECREASED ILLICIT OPIOID USE AND OTHER  
18 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
19 DISORDERS, INCREASED PATIENTS' ABILITY TO ATTAIN AND RETAIN  
20 EMPLOYMENT, AND IMPROVED BIRTH OUTCOMES AMONG PREGNANT  
21 WOMEN WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS;

22 (h) IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ADDICTION TREATMENT IN  
23 AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE OPIOID ADDICTION IS PREVALENT, IT IS  
24 NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS TO:

25 (I) ORGANIZATIONS OR PRACTICES WITH NURSE PRACTITIONERS  
26 AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING  
27 AND ONGOING SUPPORT REQUIRED TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS

1 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED  
2 BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, TO TREAT OPIOID USE  
3 DISORDERS; AND

4 (II) COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES,  
5 IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEDICATION TREATMENT, TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS  
6 WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS; AND

7 (i) SINCE THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO  
8 TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, THE USE  
9 OF RETAIL MARIJUANA TAX REVENUES TO FUND THE PILOT PROGRAM IS  
10 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 39-28.8-501 (2)(b)(IV)(C).

11 **23-21-803. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 8, UNLESS THE  
12 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

13 (1) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE MAT EXPANSION ADVISORY  
14 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-805.

15 (2) "COLLEGE OF NURSING" MEANS THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT  
16 THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS, OPERATED  
17 BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

18 (3) "FEDERAL ACT" MEANS SECTION 303 OF THE FEDERAL  
19 "COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016", PUB.L.  
20 114-198.

21 (4) "MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT" OR "MAT" MEANS A  
22 COMBINATION OF BEHAVIORAL THERAPY AND MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS  
23 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES,  
24 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT  
25 OPIOID USE DISORDER.

26 (5) "NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE  
27 NURSE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-38-103 (1.5), WHO IS LISTED ON THE

1     ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
2     12-38-111.5 AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING IN  
3     ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-38-111.6 TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED  
4     SUBSTANCES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

5             (6) "PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED AS A  
6     PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BY THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD IN  
7     ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-107.4 WHO IS AUTHORIZED, IN  
8     ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-106 (5), TO PERFORM ACTS  
9     CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING  
10    CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND WHO IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A  
11    PHYSICIAN TRAINED IN MAT.

12            (7) "PILOT PROGRAM" OR "MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM"  
13    MEANS THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT  
14    PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-804.

15            (8) "PILOT PROGRAM AREA" MEANS THE AREAS OF THE STATE IN  
16    WHICH THE PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
17    23-21-804 (1)(b).

18            (9) "QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT"  
19    MEANS A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS A  
20    QUALIFYING PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL ACT AND  
21    REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT, AND IS REGISTERED IN  
22    ACCORDANCE WITH 21 U.S.C. SEC. 823 (g).

23            **23-21-804. Medication-assisted treatment expansion pilot**  
24    **program - created - pilot program location - eligible grant recipients**  
25    **- rules.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED  
26    TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
27    COMMUNITY AGENCIES, OFFICE-BASED PRACTICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

1 ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO  
2 ENABLE:

3 (I) NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN  
4 THOSE SETTINGS TO OBTAIN TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT REQUIRED  
5 UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE AND  
6 ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL  
7 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF MEDICATION-ASSISTED  
8 TREATMENT PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AN OPIOID USE DISORDER;  
9 AND

10 (II) THOSE AGENCIES, PRACTICES, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO  
11 PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES AND SUPPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
12 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AN OPIOID USE  
13 DISORDER.

14 (b) THE MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO  
15 PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES, OFFICE-BASED PRACTICES,  
16 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
17 TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS PRACTICING OR PROVIDING TREATMENT IN  
18 PUEBLO COUNTY OR ROUTT COUNTY.

19 (2) A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH  
20 THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

21 (a) TO ENABLE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
22 PRACTICING OR WORKING IN THE GRANT RECIPIENT'S SETTING IN THE PILOT  
23 PROGRAM AREA TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO BE A QUALIFIED  
24 NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE  
25 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED  
26 BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF  
27 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE

1 DISORDERS; AND

2 (b) TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT  
3 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS IN THE PILOT PROGRAM  
4 AREA.

5 (3) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL ADMINISTER THE MAT  
6 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
7 APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 8  
8 STARTING AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR, BUT NO  
9 LATER THAN JANUARY 2018. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS,  
10 GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE  
11 PILOT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-21-808.

12 (4) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL IMPLEMENT THE MAT  
13 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 8 AND SHALL  
14 DEVELOP, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AND IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
15 ADVISORY BOARD, PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES AS  
16 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING GUIDELINES  
17 AND PROCEDURES SPECIFYING THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR  
18 GRANTS; THE FORM OF THE PILOT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION; THE  
19 TIME FRAMES FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,  
20 AND CONSULTATION TO GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND EVALUATION OF THE  
21 PILOT PROGRAM.

22 **23-21-805. MAT expansion advisory board - created - duties.**

23 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING THE MAT  
24 EXPANSION ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH SHALL:

25 (a) REVIEW AND APPROVE PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND  
26 PROCEDURES;

27 (b) ADVISE AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE COLLEGE OF



1 NURSING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

2 (c) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COLLEGE OF  
3 NURSING ON GRANT APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
4 GRANT AWARD AMOUNTS;

5 (d) ASSIST THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN EVALUATING THE PILOT  
6 PROGRAM; AND

7 (e) PERFORM OTHER TASKS, AS REQUESTED BY THE COLLEGE OF  
8 NURSING, RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
9 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

10 (2) (a) THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE DESIGNATED BY  
12 THE ENTITY OR ORGANIZATION:

13 (I) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING;

14 (II) THE STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREND AND RESPONSE TASK  
15 FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 18-18.5-103;

16 (III) THE COLORADO CONSORTIUM FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE  
17 PREVENTION, ADMINISTERED UNDER THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND  
18 PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
19 ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS;

20 (IV) THE COLORADO NURSES ASSOCIATION;       

21 (V) THE COLORADO ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND

22 (VI) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
23 COLORADO.

24 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)  
25 OF THIS SECTION, AT LEAST ONE MEDICAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH  
26 PROFESSIONAL FROM EACH COUNTY IN THE PILOT PROGRAM AREA,  
27 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS, SHALL SERVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD:

1 (I) THE NORTHWEST COLORADO COMMUNITY HEALTH  
2 PARTNERSHIP IN ROUTT COUNTY SHALL APPOINT A MEDICAL OR PUBLIC  
3 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FROM ROUTT COUNTY; AND

4 (II) THE PUEBLO COUNTY HEROIN TASK FORCE SHALL APPOINT A  
5 MEDICAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FROM PUEBLO COUNTY.

6 **23-21-806. Grant application - criteria - awards.** (1) TO  
7 RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION OR PRACTICE MUST SUBMIT  
8 AN APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
9 PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE  
10 COLLEGE OF NURSING. AT A MINIMUM, THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE  
11 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

12 (a) THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT WILL USE THE GRANT;

13 (b) THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY REQUESTED;

14 (c) THE NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN  
15 ASSISTANTS WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING;

16 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF ANY INCENTIVES TO ASSIST NURSE  
17 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN COMPLETING THE REQUIRED  
18 TRAINING AND BECOMING CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE;

19 (e) AN AGREEMENT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR  
20 IMPLEMENTING MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT;

21 (f) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL ACHIEVE  
22 IMPROVED ACCESS TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT IN THE PILOT  
23 PROGRAM AREA;

24 (g) IDENTIFICATION OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF CARE FOR  
25 OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS; AND

26 (h) AN EVALUATION PLAN.

27 (2) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS

1 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
2 THE COLLEGE OF NURSING REGARDING GRANT RECIPIENTS AND AWARDS.  
3 IN RECOMMENDING GRANT AWARDS AND IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE  
4 ADVISORY BOARD AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL CONSIDER THE  
5 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 6 (a) THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS;
- 7 (b) THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS THAT COULD BE  
8 SERVED BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN  
9 OR WITH A PRACTICE OR ORGANIZATION APPLYING FOR A GRANT;
- 10 (c) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO IMPLEMENT  
11 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING MAT;
- 12 (d) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO HAVE NURSE  
13 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PARTICIPATE IN PERIODIC  
14 CONSULTATIONS WITH COLLEGE OF NURSING STAFF; AND
- 15 (e) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO PARTICIPATE  
16 IN THE EVALUATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

17 (3) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, IN THE 2017-18 AND  
18 2018-19 FISCAL YEARS, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL AWARD GRANTS  
19 TO APPLICANTS APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND SHALL  
20 DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY TO GRANT RECIPIENTS WITHIN NINETY  
21 DAYS AFTER ISSUING THE GRANT AWARDS.

22 **23-21-807. Reporting requirements.** (1) EACH ORGANIZATION  
23 OR PRACTICE THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM  
24 SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING BY A  
25 DATE SET BY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST  
26 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 27 (a) THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE

1 GRANT WAS RECEIVED;

2 (b) AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW THE GRANT MONEY WAS SPENT AND  
3 WHETHER ANY GRANT MONEY WAS NOT EXPENDED;

4 (c) THE NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN  
5 ASSISTANTS WHO WERE TRAINED AND WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATION TO  
6 PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES  
7 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT  
8 OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND

9 (d) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING RECEIVED BY  
10 NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; WHETHER THE NURSE  
11 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND  
12 ATTAINED STATUS AS A QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN  
13 ASSISTANT; WHETHER THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN  
14 ASSISTANTS THAT ATTAINED QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR  
15 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STATUS ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO PROVIDE AND ARE  
16 PROVIDING MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO OPIOID-DEPENDENT  
17 PATIENTS; THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS  
18 TREATED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS BEFORE THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND  
19 THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS TREATED DURING THE PILOT  
20 PROGRAM PERIOD BY EACH QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN  
21 ASSISTANT.

22 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2018, AND ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30,  
23 2019, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL SUBMIT A SUMMARIZED REPORT ON  
24 THE PILOT PROGRAM TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
25 OF THE SENATE AND THE HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT AND  
26 PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE  
27 OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND TO THE

1 GOVERNOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

2 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

3 (b) A LIST IDENTIFYING THE GRANT RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING THE  
4 AMOUNT AWARDED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT AND A DETAILED  
5 DESCRIPTION OF HOW EACH GRANT RECIPIENT USED THE GRANT AWARD;

6 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN  
7 ASSISTANTS WHO COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING AND BECAME  
8 CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE, LISTED BY COUNTY  
9 PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

10 (d) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SERVED DURING THE COURSE  
11 OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, LISTED BY COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT  
12 PROGRAM;

13 (e) A SUMMARY OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INSTITUTED BY  
14 GRANT RECIPIENTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF MAT BY QUALIFIED  
15 NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS;

16 (f) A SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;  
17 AND

18 (g) A SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
19 FOR IMPLEMENTING MAT AS PROVIDED BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND  
20 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

21 **23-21-808. Funding for pilot program.** (1) (a) FOR THE 2017-18  
22 AND 2018-19 STATE FISCAL YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL  
23 ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FISCAL  
24 YEAR FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
25 39-28.8-501 TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
26 COLORADO, FOR ALLOCATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING TO IMPLEMENT  
27 THE MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM. THE COLLEGE OF NURSING MAY

1 USE A PORTION OF THE MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PILOT  
2 PROGRAM TO PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE COLLEGE OF  
3 NURSING INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS TO  
4 PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO AND OVERSIGHT OF GRANT RECIPIENTS,  
5 FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, EVALUATION OF THE PILOT  
6 PROGRAM, AND PROGRAM REPORTING.

7 (b) IF ANY UNEXPENDED OR UNCOMMITTED MONEY APPROPRIATED  
8 FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR REMAINS AT THE END OF THAT FISCAL  
9 YEAR, THE SCHOOL OF NURSING MAY EXPEND THE MONEY IN ACCORDANCE  
10 WITH THIS SECTION IN THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR. ANY UNEXPENDED OR  
11 UNCOMMITTED MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF THE 2018-19 FISCAL  
12 YEAR REVERTS TO THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND.

13 (2) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY  
14 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS IT RECEIVES TO IMPLEMENT OR ADMINISTER  
15 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

16 **23-21-809. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 8 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
17 JUNE 30, 2020.

18 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,  
19 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by  
20 the regents of the university of Colorado. This appropriation is from the  
21 marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To  
22 implement this act, the regents may use this appropriation for allocation  
23 to the college of nursing for the medication assisted treatment expansion  
24 pilot program.

25 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.