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HOUSE BILL 20-1221

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF THE COMPLEMENTARY OR**
102 **ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE PILOT PROGRAM FOR A PERSON WITH**
103 **AN INJURY THAT RESULTS IN PARALYSIS.**

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 complementary or alternative medicine pilot program (pilot program) currently applies to any person with a spinal cord injury. The bill expands the pilot program to include persons with a primary condition of multiple sclerosis, a brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy and a secondary condition of paralysis. Additionally, an

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

eligible person must reside in either Adams county, Arapahoe county, Boulder county, the city and county of Broomfield, the city and county of Denver, Douglas county, El Paso county, Jefferson county, Larimer county, Pueblo county, or Weld county.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-1303, **amend**
3 (1)(a) and (2)(b); and **add** (2)(c) as follows:

4 **25.5-6-1303. Pilot program - complementary or alternative**
5 **medicine - rules.** (1) (a) The general assembly authorizes the state
6 department to implement a pilot program that would allow an eligible
7 person with a disability to receive complementary or alternative medicine
8 to the extent authorized by federal waiver. The pilot program may begin
9 no later than January 1, 2012. The state department shall design and
10 implement the pilot program with input from an advisory committee that
11 must include, but need not be limited to, persons with spinal cord injuries
12 who are receiving complementary or alternative medicine. ~~The state~~
13 ~~department shall continue to utilize a volunteer outreach coordinator~~
14 ~~throughout the duration of the pilot program whose duties include, but are~~
15 ~~not limited to, facilitating participant and provider enrollment and acting~~
16 ~~as an informal liaison between the state department, pilot program~~
17 ~~participants, and other stakeholders.~~ The state department may seek any
18 federal waivers that may be necessary to implement this part 13.

19 (2) (b) In order to qualify and to remain eligible for the pilot
20 program authorized by this section, a person shall:

21 (I) Be diagnosed with a [REDACTED] spinal cord injury, MULTIPLE
22 SCLEROSIS, A BRAIN INJURY, SPINA BIFIDA, MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, OR
23 CEREBRAL PALSY WITH THE TOTAL INABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT

1 ~~AMBULATION DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM ONE OF THESE DIAGNOSES;~~
2 (II) Be willing to participate in the pilot program;
3 (III) Demonstrate a current need, as further defined in rule by the
4 state board, for complementary or alternative medicine; ~~and~~
5 (IV) Be eligible for medicaid, including but not limited to persons
6 ~~whose gross income does not exceed three hundred percent of the current~~
7 ~~federal supplemental security income benefit level and who are eligible~~
8 ~~for a home- and community-based program authorized pursuant to this~~
9 ~~title or the consumer-directed attendant support pilot program authorized~~
10 ~~pursuant to part 10 of article 6 of this title~~ WHO MEET THE FUNCTIONAL
11 LEVEL OF CARE AND FINANCIAL CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN RULES
12 PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE
13 SERVICES.

14 (c) THE PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE
15 INDIVIDUALS IN COLORADO.

16 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
17 **implementation.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day
18 following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment
19 of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on
20 May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to
21 section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
22 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
23 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
24 general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take
25 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
26 governor.

27 (2) The amendments to section 25.5-6-1303 (2)(b), Colorado

1 Revised Statutes, in section 1 of this act must be implemented no later
2 than July 1, 2021.