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**HOUSE BILL 23-1136**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A PROSTHETIC**  
102            **DEVICE NECESSARY FOR A COVERED PERSON TO ENGAGE IN**  
103            **CERTAIN TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
104            **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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>.)*

For the purposes of health insurance coverage for a prosthetic device (device), the bill requires a health insurance carrier to provide coverage for an additional device for a covered person under 26 years of

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age if the covered person's treating physician determines that the additional device is necessary for the covered person to engage in physical and recreational activity and to maximize the covered person's upper limb functions.


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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-104, **amend**  
3 (14)(d) as follows:

4 **10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - definitions - rules**  
5 **- applicability.** (14) **Prosthetic devices.** (d) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
6 SUBSECTION (14)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION, covered benefits are limited to  
7 the most appropriate ~~model~~ PROSTHETIC DEVICE MODELS that adequately  
8 ~~meets~~ MEET the medical needs of the ~~patient~~ COVERED PERSON as  
9 determined by the ~~insured's~~ COVERED PERSON'S treating physician.

10 (II) WITH RESPECT TO A COVERED PERSON, COVERED BENEFITS  
11 INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL PROSTHETIC DEVICE OR DEVICES IF THE  
12 TREATING PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THAT THE ADDITIONAL PROSTHETIC  
13 DEVICE OR DEVICES ARE NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE COVERED PERSON TO  
14 ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING  
15 RUNNING, BICYCLING, SWIMMING, CLIMBING, SKIING, SNOWBOARDING,  
16 AND TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTS.

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18 (III) THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT  
19 OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

20 (A) A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE BENEFIT SPECIFIED IN  
21 SUBSECTION (14)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO AN ESSENTIAL  
22 HEALTH BENEFIT THAT REQUIRES THE STATE TO DEFRAY THE COST  
23 PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 18031 (d)(3)(B); AND

1 (B) A REQUEST THAT THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THE  
2 DIVISION'S DETERMINATION WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE  
3 DIVISION'S SUBMISSION.

4 (IV) SUBSECTION (14)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO, AND  
5 THE DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR, LARGE  
6 EMPLOYER POLICIES AND CONTRACTS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER  
7 JANUARY 1, 2025. SUBSECTION (14)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO,  
8 AND THE DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR,  
9 INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP POLICIES AND CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR  
10 AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, IF:

11 (A) THE DIVISION RECEIVES CONFIRMATION OR ANY OTHER  
12 NOTIFICATION FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
13 SERVICES THAT THE COVERAGE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (14)(d)(II) OF  
14 THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT THAT  
15 REQUIRES THE STATE TO DEFRAY THE COST PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
16 18031 (d)(3)(B); OR

17 (B) THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
18 FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE DIVISION  
19 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (14)(d)(III) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN THREE  
20 HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE REQUEST, IN WHICH  
21 CASE THE DIVISION SHALL CONSIDER THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT'S  
22 UNREASONABLE DELAY A CONFIRMATION THAT THE COVERAGE SPECIFIED  
23 IN SUBSECTION (14)(d)(II) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE STATE  
24 TO DEFRAY THE COST PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 18031 (d)(3)(B).

25 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,  
26 \$6,108 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies for use by  
27 the division of insurance. This appropriation is from the division of

1 insurance cash fund created in section 10-1-103 (3), C.R.S., and is based  
2 on an assumption that the division will require an additional 0.1 FTE. To  
3 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for personal  
4 services.

5           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.