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SENATE BILL 25-121

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUTPATIENT
102 PROCEDURES RELATED TO DRUG-RESISTANT EPILEPSY.

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>.)

Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill requires the department of health care policy and financing to reimburse acute care hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities that provide vagus nerve stimulation therapy to members diagnosed with drug-resistant epilepsy at a rate that is equal to 75% of the cost for acquiring the vagus nerve stimulator device, which reimbursement is in addition to and does not supplant the reimbursement

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for any necessary surgical procedure associated with implanting the device.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-4-434 as
3 follows:

4 **25.5-4-434. Reimbursement for vagus nerve stimulator device**
5 **- rules.** (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
6 REIMBURSE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGERY
7 FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION THERAPY TO
8 MEMBERS DIAGNOSED WITH DRUG-RESISTANT EPILEPSY AT A RATE THAT
9 IS EQUAL TO SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE COST FOR ACQUIRING THE
10 VAGUS NERVE STIMULATOR DEVICE.

11 (2) THE REIMBURSEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
12 SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO AND DOES NOT SUPPLANT THE REIMBURSEMENT
13 FOR ANY NECESSARY SURGICAL PROCEDURE ASSOCIATED WITH
14 IMPLANTING THE VAGUS NERVE STIMULATOR DEVICE.

15 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY
16 TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

17 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
20 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
21 institutions.