

CHAPTER 38

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 99-010

BY SENATORS Weddig, Hernandez, and Rupert;
also REPRESENTATIVES Lawrence, Leyba, Mace, Mitchell, Tochtrop, Veiga, and Witwer.

AN ACT

CONCERNING PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO THE AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. 26-2-106 (6) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-2-106. Applications for public assistance. (6) (a) No application for aid to the needy disabled shall be approved until the ~~applicant has been examined by a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy. The examining doctor~~ APPLICANT'S MEDICAL CONDITION HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE. IN ADDITION TO A PHYSICIAN, AN APPLICANT MAY BE EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CERTIFIED IN THIS STATE, BY AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR BY A REGISTERED NURSE LICENSED IN THIS STATE WHO IS FUNCTIONING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SUCH NURSE'S LICENSE AND TRAINING. THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN OR THE PHYSICIAN OR NURSE WHO CONDUCTED THE EXAMINATION shall certify in writing upon forms prescribed by the state department as to the diagnosis, prognosis, and other relevant medical or mental factors relating to the disability of the applicant. No applicant disabled as a result of a primary diagnosis of alcoholism or a controlled substance addiction shall be approved for aid to the needy disabled except as provided in section 26-2-111 (4) (d).

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 24, 1999

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.