

## Senate State, Veterans, &amp; Military Affairs

## HB21-1276 Prevention Of Substance Use Disorders

## Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Stephanie Stewart For Colorado Society of Addiction Medicine	<p data-bbox="565 373 1466 447">I'm testifying on behalf of the Colorado Society of Addiction Medicine in strong support of HB21-1276.</p> <p data-bbox="565 489 1466 632">As a physician, I care for patients with pain on a regular basis. Sometimes opioids help their pain, sometimes they don't. As a physician caring for patients with substance use disorders, options for pain relief can be even more limited.</p> <p data-bbox="565 674 1466 783">Coloradoans with pain deserve access to the broadest range of treatment, whether it be physical therapy, occupational therapy, acupuncture or safer pain medication formulations.</p> <p data-bbox="565 825 1466 898">HB21-1276 will improve access to multimodal pain relief and improve quality of life in Colorado.</p>



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## The Colorado Chiropractic Association Supports HB21-1267

May 26, 2021

Honorable Legislators,

The Colorado Chiropractic Association would like to express our support for HB21-1267 Prevention Of Substance Use Disorders. The Colorado Chiropractic Association represents members around the state of Colorado as we strive to promote and expand the ethical and professional practice of chiropractic care.

We are grateful for the opportunity to endorse this important legislation. We would like to thank the bill sponsors Senators Pettersen and Priola as well as Representatives Kennedy and Herod for their relentless work on this bill.

We are encouraged by this legislation and want to roll up our sleeves and continue to address the underlying issue to reduce opioid usage in the state of Colorado. Therefore it is important that this bill requires each health benefit plan to provide a cost-sharing benefit for chiropractic visits in the same amount for a primary care visit for non-preventive services. We believe this will help reduce opioid usage in the State and is an important step in fighting the opioid epidemic.

For these reasons listed above we ask that you support HB21-1267.

Sincerely,

Andrea LaKew  
Executive Director