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February 24, 2026

The Honorable Lindsey Gilchrist
Chair
House Committee on Health & Human Services
Colorado General Assembly
200 E Colfax Avenue Room 307
Denver, CO 80203

Re: COSAM's Support for HB26-1063, Treating People with Behavioral Health Disorder

Dear Chair Gilchrist,

On behalf of the Colorado Society of Addiction Medicine (COSAM), the medical specialty society representing physicians and clinicians in Colorado specializing in the treatment of addiction, we write today in support of HB26-1063.

This legislation would improve Medicaid reimbursement to opioid treatment programs for administering medications for addiction treatment in a jail setting. Methadone and buprenorphine reduce overdose rates substantially. Additionally, individuals involved in the criminal justice system are at elevated risk for opioid overdose. This bill will save lives by providing life-saving medications to a vulnerable population. We commend the sponsors for introducing this important legislation and demonstrating their commitment to saving lives in Colorado.

We support HB26-1063 and urge members of the committee to vote for this legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Sheila Lieder
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HB26-1063 Treating People with Behavioral Hlth Disorder

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Aubrey Shomo Amend themselves	<p>My position is AMEND. While a history may be useful in determination of mental health certification and hold issues, THAT HISTORY MAY BE PREDICATED on false information. When a family member lies, due process is avoided, and then these compound.</p> <p>History must also come with the ability to have history ruled invalid, or it's just a sheet of prior allegations securing the current one.</p> <p>Even if based on a fabrication.</p> <p>I have submitted documents to this committee as written testimony.</p>