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Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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**HOUSE BILL 15-1083**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Primavera, Duran, Singer**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Crowder,**

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**House Committees**

Health, Insurance, & Environment

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING PATIENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PHYSICAL**  
102 **REHABILITATION SERVICES.**

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill prohibits an insurance carrier from classifying an office visit for physical rehabilitation services provided by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or chiropractor as a specialty service. The bill limits the copayment that may be charged for physical rehabilitation services to 50% of what the provider is paid for the visit by the carrier.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-142 as  
3 follows:

4 **10-16-142. Physical rehabilitation services - copayments and**  
5 **coinsurance - research.** (1) THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON  
6 AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE CREATED IN SECTION 25-46-103, C.R.S.,  
7 SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY CONCERNING THE COSTS, INCLUDING PATIENT  
8 COST-SHARING FOR PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES. THE STUDY  
9 SHALL ANALYZE COSTS TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INCLUDING PAYERS  
10 AND INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS, AS WELL AS WHETHER PATIENT COST-SHARING  
11 CREATES BARRIERS TO THE EFFECTIVE USE OF PHYSICAL REHABILITATION  
12 SERVICES.

13 (2) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2015, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
14 REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
15 OF THE SENATE AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES  
16 COMMITTEE AND THE HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT  
17 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

18 (3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PHYSICAL  
19 REHABILITATION SERVICES" MEANS PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL  
20 THERAPY, OR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF A PERSON  
21 WHO HAS SUSTAINED AN ILLNESS, MEDICAL CONDITION, OR INJURY, WITH  
22 THE GOAL OF RETURNING THE PERSON TO HIS OR HER PRIOR SKILL AND  
23 FUNCTION LEVEL OR MAINTAINING THE PERSON'S CURRENT SKILL AND  
24 FUNCTION LEVEL.

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26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-46-104 (2),

1 **amend** (q); and **add** (q.5) as follows:

2 **25-46-104. Duties of commission - mission - staffing - report.**

3 (2) The commission has the following powers and duties:

4 (q) Any other authority necessary to perform its administrative  
5 duties; and

6 (q.5) TO CONDUCT A STUDY PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-142,  
7 C.R.S.; AND

8 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.