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HOUSE BILL 15-1083

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Crowder,

House Committees

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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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.

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 - copayment limit.**

5 (1) A CARRIER SHALL NOT CLASSIFY AN OFFICE VISIT FOR PHYSICAL
6 REHABILITATION SERVICES BILLED BY A PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSED
7 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 41 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.; AN OCCUPATIONAL
8 THERAPIST LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 40.5 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.; OR
9 A CHIROPRACTOR LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.,
10 AS A SPECIALTY SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COPAYMENT CHARGED
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (2) THE COPAYMENT CHARGED TO A COVERED PERSON BY THE
13 CARRIER IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST NOT EXCEED FIFTY
14 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT THE CARRIER HAS ALLOWED FOR THE PHYSICAL
15 REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED DURING AN OFFICE VISIT BY A
16 PHYSICAL THERAPIST, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR CHIROPRACTOR.

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

24 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
25 takes effect January 1, 2017; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
26 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this

1 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
2 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
3 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
4 general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take
5 effect on January 1, 2017, or on the date of the official declaration of the
6 vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.