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HOUSE BILL 15-1083

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Crowder,

House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PATIENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PHYSICAL**
102 **REHABILITATION SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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/bills summaries>.)

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.

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 21, 2015

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 20, 2015

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.

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-46-104 (2),
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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.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-46-105, **amend**

9 **(1) (b)** as follows:

10 **25-46-105. Colorado commission on affordable health care**
11 **cash fund - creation - funding sources - use of fund.** (1) (b) Moneys
12 in the fund are continuously appropriated to the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR ALLOCATION TO THE commission for the
14 purposes of this article. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund all
15 interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of moneys
16 in the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining in the
17 fund at the end of any fiscal year remain in the fund and must not be
18 credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund.

19 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
20 \$25,000 is appropriated to the Colorado commission on affordable health
21 care cash fund created in section 25-46-105 (1) (a), C.R.S. This
22 appropriation is from the general fund. The department of public health
23 and environment is responsible for the accounting related to this
24 appropriation.

25 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.