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SENATE BILL 16-027

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING THE OPTION FOR MEDICAID CLIENTS TO**
102 **OBTAIN PRESCRIBED DRUGS THROUGH THE MAIL.**

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>.)

For persons receiving medical assistance (recipient), the bill allows the option to receive through the mail prescribed medications used to treat chronic medical conditions. The recipient may receive up to a certain amount of the medication and shall pay the same copayment amount as recipients receiving the medication through any other method. The department of health care policy and financing (department) shall

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.*

encourage recipients to use local retail pharmacies for mail delivery.

The state board of medical services shall adopt rules relating to the option to receive medications through the mail.

A pharmacy providing maintenance medications to recipients must be enrolled with the department and registered with the state board of pharmacy and shall comply with state and federal law relating to the provisions of the maintenance medications.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-505, **amend**
3 (1); and add (1.5) as follows:

4 **25.5-5-505. Prescribed drugs - mail order - rules.**

5 (1) (a) (I) The state board shall adopt by rule a system to allow ~~the~~
6 ~~following~~ medical assistance recipients ~~THE OPTION to receive THROUGH~~
7 ~~THE MAIL prescribed maintenance medications through mail order:~~ USED
8 TO TREAT CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

9 ~~(A) Recipients who suffer from a physical hardship that prohibits~~
10 ~~the recipient from obtaining prescription medications from a local~~
11 ~~pharmacy; and~~

12 ~~(B) Recipients who have third-party insurance that allows the~~
13 ~~recipient to obtain maintenance medications through mail order.~~

14 (II) The state board shall ~~RULES MUST include in the rules the~~
15 definition of maintenance medications. The rules may allow for a medical
16 assistance recipient ~~who qualifies to receive medication through mail~~
17 ~~order pursuant to this section~~ to receive THROUGH THE MAIL up to a
18 three-month supply, or the maximum allowed under federal law, of
19 maintenance medications used to treat chronic medical conditions.

20 (b) ~~The state board shall, to the extent possible, require the use of~~
21 ~~local pharmacies that are able to provide the same services as mail order.~~

22 To the extent allowed by federal law, the state department shall require

1 that ~~the same copayment amount be paid by~~ a medical assistance recipient
2 receiving prescription medication through THE mail ~~order~~ PAY THE SAME
3 COPAYMENT AMOUNT as a medical assistance recipient receiving
4 prescription medication ~~from a local pharmacy~~ THROUGH ANY OTHER
5 METHOD. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE MEDICAL
6 ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WHO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE MAINTENANCE
7 MEDICATIONS THROUGH THE MAIL TO USE LOCAL RETAIL PHARMACIES FOR
8 MAIL DELIVERY.

9 (c) A PHARMACY MAY PROVIDE MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS
10 THROUGH THE MAIL TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE
11 WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS IF THE PHARMACY IS
12 ENROLLED AS A PROVIDER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND IS
13 REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY, CREATED AND
14 EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-42.5-103, C.R.S.

15 ~~(e)~~ (d) A nonresident prescription drug outlet doing business in
16 this state shall provide a means for recipients of state medical assistance
17 who have third-party insurance with whom the nonresident prescription
18 drug outlet has a contractual relationship to receive their required
19 pharmacy benefits at a cost to the recipients of no more than the legally
20 allowed state medical assistance copayment. If a third-party insurance
21 carrier's copayment or deductible for pharmacy benefits is larger than the
22 legally allowed state medical assistance copayment, the prescription drug
23 outlet may bill the state medical assistance program for the difference
24 pursuant to state medical assistance reimbursement rules.

25 (1.5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE AND
26 INCLUDE IN ITS ENROLLMENT PACKET THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR
27 RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1 PROGRAMS:

2 (a) THAT A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT MAY USE THE
3 PHARMACY OF HIS OR HER CHOICE;

4 (b) THAT A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT MAY USE A LOCAL
5 RETAIL PHARMACY FOR MAIL DELIVERY OF MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS,
6 IF OFFERED; AND

7 (c) THAT THE COPAYMENT AMOUNT FOR PRESCRIPTION
8 MEDICATIONS IS THE SAME AT ANY PHARMACY ENROLLED IN THE MEDICAL
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

10 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
13 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.