

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

SB25-048 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 14 through 16 and substitute  
2 "youth should include anti-obesity medications and that this treatment  
3 option is safe and effective. Eight out of ten adolescents with".

4 Page 3, strike lines 21 through 27.

5 Strike pages 4 through 9.

6 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 12 and substitute:

7 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-104, add (29)  
8 as follows:

9 **10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - applicability -**  
10 **rules - definitions. (29) Treatment for obesity and pre-diabetes.**

11 (a) ALL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH PLANS ISSUED OR RENEWED IN  
12 THIS STATE MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE  
13 CHRONIC DISEASE OF OBESITY AND THE TREATMENT OF PRE-DIABETES,  
14 INCLUDING COVERAGE FOR THE NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION  
15 PROGRAM, MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY, INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL OR  
16 LIFESTYLE THERAPY, AND METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY.

17 (b) FOR A LARGE GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OFFERED IN THIS  
18 STATE, A CARRIER SHALL OFFER THE POLICYHOLDER THE OPTION TO  
19 PURCHASE COVERAGE FOR FDA-APPROVED ANTI-OBESITY MEDICATIONS,  
20 INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE FDA-APPROVED GLP-1 MEDICATION. THIS  
21 SUBSECTION (29) DOES NOT REQUIRE A CARRIER TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR  
22 WHICH PREMIUMS WOULD NOT COVER EXPECTED BENEFITS.

23 (c) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
24 SUBSECTION (29).

25 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (29):

26 (I) "FDA-APPROVED ANTI-OBESITY MEDICATION" MEANS A  
27 MEDICATION APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG  
28 ADMINISTRATION WITH AN INDICATION FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT IN  
29 PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC OBESITY.

30 (II) "FDA-APPROVED GLP-1 MEDICATION" MEANS A  
31 GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR AGONIST THAT IS APPROVED BY THE  
32 FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WITH AN INDICATION FOR  
33 REGULATING BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS AND APPETITE.

34 (III) "INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL OR LIFESTYLE THERAPY" MEANS AN  
35 EVIDENCE-BASED, MULTI-COMPONENT BEHAVIORAL OR LIFESTYLE  
36 MODIFICATION INTERVENTION DESIGNED TO SUPPORT HEALTHY WEIGHT  
37 MANAGEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY CURRENT CLINICAL STANDARDS OF  
38 CARE. INTERVENTIONS INCLUDE OBESITY SCREENING, DIETARY

1 ASSESSMENT, AND BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING AND THERAPY AIMED AT  
2 WEIGHT LOSS THROUGH LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS SUCH AS CHANGES IN  
3 DIET AND INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. THERAPY FOR OBESITY MUST BE  
4 CONSISTENT WITH THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK  
5 FORCE'S 5-A BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING FRAMEWORK: ASK, ADVISE,  
6 ASSESS, ASSIST, AND ARRANGE. INTERVENTIONS MAY BE PROVIDED  
7 IN-OFFICE, VIRTUALLY THROUGH TELEHEALTH, OR IN COMMUNITY-BASED  
8 SETTINGS TO SUPPORT PATIENT ACCESS AND NEEDS.

9 (IV) "MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY" MEANS THE FOLLOWING  
10 NUTRITION CARE SERVICES THAT PREVENT, MANAGE, OR TREAT DISEASES  
11 OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS, WHICH SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED IN-OFFICE  
12 OR VIRTUALLY THROUGH TELEHEALTH:

- 13 (A) NUTRITION ASSESSMENT;
- 14 (B) NUTRITION DIAGNOSIS;
- 15 (C) NUTRITION INTERVENTION; AND
- 16 (D) NUTRITION MONITORING AND EVALUATION.

17 (V) "METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY" MEANS METABOLIC  
18 AND BARIATRIC SURGERY RECOMMENDED ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES  
19 PUBLISHED IN THE 2022 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC AND  
20 BARIATRIC SURGERY AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE  
21 SURGERY OF OBESITY AND METABOLIC DISORDERS: INDICATIONS FOR  
22 METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY.

23 (VI) "NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM" MEANS A  
24 STRUCTURED, EVIDENCE-BASED LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM  
25 DESIGNED TO PREVENT OR DELAY THE ONSET OF DIABETES IN INDIVIDUALS  
26 AT HIGH RISK IN ACCORDANCE WITH 42 U.S.C. SEC. 280g-14. THE  
27 PROGRAM FOLLOWS A STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM AND IS FOCUSED ON  
28 PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHANGES, INCLUDING WEIGHT LOSS,  
29 INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND HEALTHIER EATING HABITS,  
30 THROUGH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP INTERVENTION.

31 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-8-107, add  
32 (1)(a)(V) as follows:

33 **25.5-8-107. Duties of the department - schedule of services -**  
34 **premiums - copayments - subsidies - purchase of childhood**  
35 **immunizations.** (1) In addition to any other duties pursuant to this article  
36 8, the department has the following duties:

37 (a) (IV) THE SCHEDULE OF HEALTH-CARE SERVICES INCLUDED IN  
38 THE PLAN MUST NOT INCLUDE COVERAGE PURSUANT TO THE MANDATORY  
39 COVERAGE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10-16-104 (29).".

40 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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