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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON DRUGS COVERED UNDER AN
102 INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY THAT ARE
103 ADMINISTERED BY A PROVIDER IN A SETTING OTHER THAN A
104 HOSPITAL.

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

For a covered person with a chronic, complex, rare, or life-threatening medical condition, the bill prohibits a carrier from:

- Requiring a provider-administered drug to be dispensed

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- only by certain pharmacies or only by a pharmacy participating in the carrier's network;
- If a provider-administered drug is otherwise covered by the carrier for the covered person, limiting or excluding coverage for the drug based on the covered person's choice of pharmacy or because the drug was not dispensed by a pharmacy that participates in the carrier's network;
- Requiring a participating provider to bill for or be reimbursed for the delivery and administration of a provider-administered drug under the pharmacy benefit instead of the medical benefit without informed, written consent of the covered person and written attestation by the covered person's participating provider that a delay in the drug's administration will not place the covered person at an increased health risk; or
- Requiring a covered person to pay additional fees, copayments, or coinsurance based on the covered person's choice of pharmacy or because the provider-administered drug was not dispensed by a pharmacy that participates in the carrier's network.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-102, **add**
3 (56.5) as follows:

4 **10-16-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 16, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (56.5) "PROVIDER-ADMINISTERED DRUG" MEANS AN OUTPATIENT
7 DRUG, OTHER THAN A VACCINE, THAT:

8 (a) CANNOT REASONABLY BE SELF-ADMINISTERED BY A COVERED
9 PERSON TO WHOM THE DRUG IS PRESCRIBED OR BY AN INDIVIDUAL
10 ASSISTING THE COVERED PERSON WITH THE SELF-ADMINISTRATION; AND

11 (b) IS TYPICALLY ADMINISTERED BY A PROVIDER IN THE
12 PROVIDER'S OFFICE.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-122.8 as
14 follows:

1 **10-16-122.8. Health benefit plans - provider-administered**
2 **drugs - prohibit required dispensing by specific pharmacy -**
3 **definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

4 (a) "HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET
5 FORTH IN SECTION 10-16-102 (32) BUT ALSO INCLUDES A PHARMACY OR
6 DRUG BENEFIT PLAN MANAGED OR ADMINISTERED BY A PHARMACY
7 BENEFIT MANAGER.

8 (b) "PROVIDER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
9 10-16-102 (56); EXCEPT THAT "PROVIDER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A
10 HOSPITAL.

11 (2) FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER
12 JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR A COVERED PERSON WITH A CHRONIC, COMPLEX,
13 RARE, OR LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITION, A CARRIER SHALL NOT:

14 (a) REQUIRE A PROVIDER-ADMINISTERED DRUG TO BE DISPENSED
15 ONLY BY CERTAIN PHARMACIES OR ONLY BY A PHARMACY PARTICIPATING
16 IN THE CARRIER'S NETWORK;

17 (b) IF A PROVIDER-ADMINISTERED DRUG IS OTHERWISE COVERED
18 BY THE CARRIER FOR THE COVERED PERSON, LIMIT OR EXCLUDE COVERAGE
19 FOR THE DRUG BASED ON THE COVERED PERSON'S CHOICE OF PHARMACY
20 OR BECAUSE THE DRUG WAS NOT DISPENSED BY A PHARMACY THAT
21 PARTICIPATES IN THE CARRIER'S NETWORK;

22 (c) REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING PROVIDER TO BILL FOR OR BE
23 REIMBURSED FOR THE DELIVERY AND ADMINISTRATION OF A
24 PROVIDER-ADMINISTERED DRUG UNDER THE PHARMACY BENEFIT INSTEAD
25 OF THE MEDICAL BENEFIT WITHOUT:

26 (I) INFORMED, WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COVERED PERSON; AND

27 (II) WRITTEN ATTESTATION BY THE COVERED PERSON'S

1 PARTICIPATING PROVIDER THAT A DELAY IN THE DRUG'S ADMINISTRATION
2 WILL NOT PLACE THE COVERED PERSON AT AN INCREASED HEALTH RISK;
3 OR

4 (d) REQUIRE A COVERED PERSON TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL FEE,
5 COPAYMENT, OR COINSURANCE; A HIGHER COPAYMENT; OR ANY OTHER
6 PRICE INCREASE FOR A PROVIDER-ADMINISTERED DRUG BASED ON THE
7 COVERED PERSON'S CHOICE OF PHARMACY OR BECAUSE THE DRUG WAS
8 NOT DISPENSED BY A PHARMACY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE CARRIER'S
9 NETWORK.

10 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

11 (a) AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO ADMINISTER A DRUG WHEN
12 OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; OR

13 (b) MODIFY DRUG ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER STATE
14 LAW, INCLUDING ANY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE DELEGATION AND
15 SUPERVISION OF DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
17 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
18 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
19 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
20 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
21 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
22 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
23 general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take
24 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
25 governor.

26 (2) This act applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed on
27 or after January 1, 2025.