

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

SB21-137 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 23, after line 17 insert:

2 "SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 9 to  
3 article 21 of title 23 as follows:

4 PART 9

5 MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

6 **23-21-901. Medication for opioid use disorder - consultation**  
7 **- stipends - school of medicine duties - legislative declaration - repeal.**

8 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) MANY HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE  
10 TRAINING REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND  
11 ARE ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER ARE NOT  
12 ACTIVELY PROVIDING MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER TO PATIENTS  
13 WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS MEDICAL SERVICE; AND

14 (b) PRACTICE CONSULTATION SERVICES CONSISTING OF FOLLOW-UP  
15 TRAINING AND SUPPORT, INCLUDING STIPENDS, CAN INCREASE THE  
16 NUMBER OF HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS WHO PRESCRIBE MEDICATION FOR  
17 OPIOID USE DISORDER AND THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RECEIVING  
18 MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.

19 (2) THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SHALL:

20 (a) PROVIDE PRACTICE CONSULTATION SERVICES TO HEALTH-CARE  
21 PROVIDERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE  
22 DISORDER. PRACTICE CONSULTATION SERVICES MUST INCLUDE:

23 (I) STAFF TRAINING AND WORKFLOW ENHANCEMENT TO  
24 ENCOURAGE SCREENING FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER AND EDUCATIONAL  
25 MATERIALS FOR PATIENTS WHO SCREEN POSITIVE FOR OPIOID USE  
26 DISORDER;

27 (II) SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES  
28 THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PATIENTS AND REFERRAL SOURCES,  
29 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, EMERGENCY  
30 MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, HOSPITALS, SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS, HARM  
31 REDUCTION ORGANIZATIONS, AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; AND

32 (III) PROVIDING ACCESS TO MARKETING MATERIALS DESIGNED FOR  
33 PATIENTS AND DEVELOPED WITH PATIENT AND PRACTITIONER INPUT.

34 (b) PROVIDE STIPENDS TO HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE  
35 ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER AND WHO  
36 HAVE ACHIEVED CERTAIN BENCHMARKS KNOWN TO LEAD TO AN  
37 INCREASED NUMBER OF PATIENTS BEING MANAGED BY MEDICATION FOR  
38 OPIOID USE DISORDER. AT A MINIMUM, THE BENCHMARKS MUST INCLUDE:

39 (I) STAFF TRAINING AND WORKFLOW ENHANCEMENT TO  
40 ENCOURAGE SCREENING AND MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

1 INDUCTION FOR PATIENTS WHO SCREEN POSITIVE FOR OPIOID USE  
2 DISORDER;  
3 (II) ADOPTION OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES;  
4 AND  
5 (III) DOCUMENTATION OF HAVING PROVIDED MEDICATION FOR  
6 OPIOID USE DISORDER TO AT LEAST TEN PATIENTS WITHIN A  
7 TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.  
8 (3) (a) FOR THE 2021-22 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
10 FROM THE BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CASH FUND CREATED IN  
11 SECTION 24-75-226 TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
12 COLORADO FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION. IF ANY  
13 UNEXPENDED OR UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINS AT THE END OF THE  
14 FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
15 MAY EXPEND THE MONEY FOR THE SAME PURPOSES IN THE NEXT FISCAL  
16 YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.  
17 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023."

18 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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