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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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SENATE BILL 25-301

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER TO**
102 **ADJUST A CHRONIC MAINTENANCE DRUG PRESCRIPTION**
103 **WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM AN INSURANCE**
104 **CARRIER.**

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>.)

The bill allows a health-care provider to, under certain circumstances, adjust the dose or frequency of a chronic maintenance drug without needing prior authorization from an insurance carrier.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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.

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 25, 2025

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-124.5, **add**
3 (6.2) as follows:

4 **10-16-124.5. Prior authorization form - drug benefits -**
5 **program - chronic maintenance drugs - rules of commissioner -**
6 **definitions - repeal.** (6.2) CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE
7 EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINES, A PRESCRIBING PROVIDER MAY ADJUST THE
8 DOSE OR FREQUENCY OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG TO MEET THE SPECIFIC
9 MEDICAL NEEDS OF A COVERED PERSON WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
10 OR SUBSEQUENT UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
11 10-16-1002 (10), IF:

12 (a) THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IS A CHRONIC MAINTENANCE DRUG,
13 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-280-103 (9.5), THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN
14 APPROVED FOR COVERAGE BY THE CARRIER OR PBM FOR THE COVERED
15 PERSON'S CHRONIC OR DEBILITATING DISEASE AND THE PRESCRIBING
16 PROVIDER CONTINUES TO PRESCRIBE THE DRUG FOR THE SAME CHRONIC OR
17 DEBILITATING DISEASE;

18 (b) THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IS NOT AN OPIOID OR A SCHEDULED
19 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; AND

20 (c) THE DOSE OR FREQUENCY HAS NOT BEEN ADJUSTED MORE THAN
21 TWO TIMES WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.

22 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
25 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
26 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this

1 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
2 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.