

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 29, 2025
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-048 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

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):

1 (I) "FDA-APPROVED ANTI-OBESITY MEDICATION" MEANS A
2 MEDICATION APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG
3 ADMINISTRATION WITH AN INDICATION FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT IN
4 PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC OBESITY.

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

9 (III) "INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL OR LIFESTYLE THERAPY" MEANS AN
10 EVIDENCE-BASED, MULTI-COMPONENT BEHAVIORAL OR LIFESTYLE
11 MODIFICATION INTERVENTION DESIGNED TO SUPPORT HEALTHY WEIGHT
12 MANAGEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY CURRENT CLINICAL STANDARDS OF
13 CARE. INTERVENTIONS INCLUDE OBESITY SCREENING, DIETARY
14 ASSESSMENT, AND BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING AND THERAPY AIMED AT
15 WEIGHT LOSS THROUGH LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS SUCH AS CHANGES IN
16 DIET AND INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. THERAPY FOR OBESITY MUST BE
17 CONSISTENT WITH THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK
18 FORCE'S 5-A BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING FRAMEWORK: ASK, ADVISE,
19 ASSESS, ASSIST, AND ARRANGE. INTERVENTIONS MAY BE PROVIDED
20 IN-OFFICE, VIRTUALLY THROUGH TELEHEALTH, OR IN COMMUNITY-BASED
21 SETTINGS TO SUPPORT PATIENT ACCESS AND NEEDS.

22 (IV) "MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY" MEANS THE FOLLOWING
23 NUTRITION CARE SERVICES THAT PREVENT, MANAGE, OR TREAT DISEASES
24 OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS, WHICH SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED IN-OFFICE
25 OR VIRTUALLY THROUGH TELEHEALTH:

- 26 (A) NUTRITION ASSESSMENT;
- 27 (B) NUTRITION DIAGNOSIS;
- 28 (C) NUTRITION INTERVENTION; AND
- 29 (D) NUTRITION MONITORING AND EVALUATION.

30 (V) "METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY" MEANS METABOLIC
31 AND BARIATRIC SURGERY RECOMMENDED ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES
32 PUBLISHED IN THE 2022 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC AND
33 BARIATRIC SURGERY AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE
34 SURGERY OF OBESITY AND METABOLIC DISORDERS: INDICATIONS FOR
35 METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY.

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

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

3 **25.5-8-107. Duties of the department - schedule of services -**
4 **premiums - copayments - subsidies - purchase of childhood**
5 **immunizations.** (1) In addition to any other duties pursuant to this article
6 8, the department has the following duties:

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

10 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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