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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM IN CERTAIN AREAS**  
102 **OF THE STATE EXPERIENCING HIGH LEVELS OF OPIOID**  
103 **ADDICTION TO AWARD GRANTS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO**  
104 **ADDICTION TREATMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
105 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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 creates the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) expansion pilot program, administered by the university of Colorado

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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1 PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE NATION, ON JULY 22, 2016, PRESIDENT  
2 OBAMA SIGNED INTO LAW THE FEDERAL "COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION  
3 AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016", ALSO REFERRED TO AS "CARA";

4 (b) CARA AUTHORIZES QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND  
5 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN COMMUNITY- AND OFFICE-BASED PRACTICE  
6 SETTINGS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MEDICATIONS USED IN THE TREATMENT  
7 OF OPIOID ADDICTION AS A MEANS OF INCREASING ACCESS TO TREATMENT  
8 FOR OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS;

9 (c) OPIOID ADDICTION HAS EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC  
10 HEALTH CONCERN IN COLORADO, WITH OVER TEN THOUSAND DEATHS  
11 ATTRIBUTED TO DRUG OVERDOSE SINCE 2000 AND THE ANNUAL RATE OF  
12 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS DOUBLING FROM 7.8 DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED  
13 THOUSAND PEOPLE IN 2000 TO 15.7 DEATHS PER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
14 PEOPLE IN 2015, A RATE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL  
15 RATE;

16 (d) SOUTHEAST COLORADO COMPRISES SIX PERCENT OF THE  
17 STATE'S POPULATION AND ACCOUNTS FOR EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF  
18 ADMISSIONS FOR HEROIN TREATMENT, THE PUEBLO COUNTY JAIL SEES  
19 OVER ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED OPIOID PROTOCOL PRISONERS EACH  
20 YEAR, AND THE PUEBLO FIRE DEPARTMENT USED AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST  
21 TO HALT AN OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT ONE HUNDRED  
22 FORTY TIMES IN 2015;

23 (e) IN ROUTT COUNTY, DRUG OVERDOSE DEATH RATES HAVE  
24 INCREASED NEARLY SIX-FOLD FROM 2014 TO 2016, AND OVER SIXTY-FIVE  
25 PERCENT OF THESE DEATHS WERE RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS;

26 (f) DESPITE THE PREVALENCE OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND  
27 OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE EVENTS IN PUEBLO AND ROUTT COUNTIES,

1 ONLY THREE DOCTORS IN PUEBLO COUNTY AND ONE DOCTOR IN ROUNT  
2 COUNTY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO  
3 OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS IN THOSE COUNTIES;

4 (g) MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE USE  
5 OF MEDICATION AND BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS WITH  
6 OPIOID ADDICTIVE DISORDERS:

7 (I) HAS PROVEN TO BE CLINICALLY EFFECTIVE AND TO  
8 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NEED FOR INPATIENT DETOXIFICATION  
9 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID ADDICTIVE DISORDERS;

10 (II) PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE, INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED  
11 PROGRAM OF TREATMENT FOR OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS;

12 (III) IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE FULL RECOVERY;

13 (IV) CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LOWERING A PERSON'S RISK OF  
14 CONTRACTING HIV OR HEPATITIS C BY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL FOR  
15 RELAPSE; AND

16 (V) HAS IMPROVED PATIENT SURVIVAL RATES, INCREASED  
17 RETENTION IN TREATMENT, DECREASED ILLICIT OPIOID USE AND OTHER  
18 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
19 DISORDERS, INCREASED PATIENTS' ABILITY TO ATTAIN AND RETAIN  
20 EMPLOYMENT, AND IMPROVED BIRTH OUTCOMES AMONG PREGNANT  
21 WOMEN WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS;

22 (h) IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ADDICTION TREATMENT IN  
23 AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE OPIOID ADDICTION IS PREVALENT, IT IS  
24 NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS TO:

25 (I) ORGANIZATIONS OR PRACTICES WITH NURSE PRACTITIONERS  
26 AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING  
27 AND ONGOING SUPPORT REQUIRED TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS

1 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED  
2 BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, TO TREAT OPIOID USE  
3 DISORDERS; AND

4 (II) COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES,  
5 IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEDICATION TREATMENT, TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS  
6 WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS; AND

7 (i) SINCE THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO  
8 TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, THE USE  
9 OF RETAIL MARIJUANA TAX REVENUES TO FUND THE PILOT PROGRAM IS  
10 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 39-28.8-501 (2)(b)(IV)(C).

11 **23-21-803. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 8, UNLESS THE  
12 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

13 (1) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE MAT EXPANSION ADVISORY  
14 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-805.

15 (2) "COLLEGE OF NURSING" MEANS THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT  
16 THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS, OPERATED  
17 BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

18 (3) "FEDERAL ACT" MEANS SECTION 303 OF THE FEDERAL  
19 "COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016", PUB.L.  
20 114-198.

21 (4) "MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT" OR "MAT" MEANS A  
22 COMBINATION OF BEHAVIORAL THERAPY AND MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS  
23 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES,  
24 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT  
25 OPIOID USE DISORDER.

26 (5) "NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE  
27 NURSE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-38-103 (1.5), WHO IS LISTED ON THE

1       ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
2       12-38-111.5 AND IS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING IN  
3       ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-38-111.6 TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED  
4       SUBSTANCES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

5               (6) "PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED AS A  
6       PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BY THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD IN  
7       ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-107.4 WHO IS AUTHORIZED, IN  
8       ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-36-106 (5), TO PERFORM ACTS  
9       CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING  
10       CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND WHO IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A  
11       PHYSICIAN TRAINED IN MAT.

12               (7) "PILOT PROGRAM" OR "MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM"  
13       MEANS THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT  
14       PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-21-804.

15               (8) "PILOT PROGRAM AREA" MEANS THE AREAS OF THE STATE IN  
16       WHICH THE PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
17       23-21-804 (1)(b).

18               (9) "QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT"  
19       MEANS A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS A  
20       QUALIFYING PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL ACT AND  
21       REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT, AND IS REGISTERED IN  
22       ACCORDANCE WITH 21 U.S.C. SEC. 823 (g).

23               **23-21-804. Medication-assisted treatment expansion pilot**  
24       **program - created - pilot program location - eligible grant recipients**  
25       **- rules.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED  
26       TREATMENT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
27       COMMUNITY AGENCIES, OFFICE-BASED PRACTICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

1 ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO  
2 ENABLE:

3 (I) NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN  
4 THOSE SETTINGS TO OBTAIN TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT REQUIRED  
5 UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE AND  
6 ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL  
7 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF MEDICATION-ASSISTED  
8 TREATMENT PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AN OPIOID USE DISORDER;  
9 AND

10 (II) THOSE AGENCIES, PRACTICES, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO  
11 PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES AND SUPPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
12 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AN OPIOID USE  
13 DISORDER.

14 (b) THE MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO  
15 PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES, OFFICE-BASED PRACTICES,  
16 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
17 TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS PRACTICING OR PROVIDING TREATMENT IN  
18 PUEBLO COUNTY OR ROUTT COUNTY.

19 (2) A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH  
20 THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

21 (a) TO ENABLE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
22 PRACTICING OR WORKING IN THE GRANT RECIPIENT'S SETTING IN THE PILOT  
23 AREA TO OBTAIN THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO BE A QUALIFIED NURSE  
24 PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE  
25 BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES APPROVED  
26 BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF  
27 MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE

1 DISORDERS; AND

2 (b) TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT  
3 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS IN THE PILOT AREA.

4 (3) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL ADMINISTER THE MAT  
5 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
6 APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 8  
7 STARTING AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR, BUT NO  
8 LATER THAN JANUARY 2018. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS,  
9 GRANTS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE  
10 PILOT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-21-808.

11 (4) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL IMPLEMENT THE MAT  
12 EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 8 AND SHALL  
13 DEVELOP, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AND IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
14 ADVISORY BOARD, PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES AS  
15 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING GUIDELINES  
16 AND PROCEDURES SPECIFYING THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR  
17 GRANTS; THE FORM OF THE PILOT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION; THE  
18 TIME FRAMES FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,  
19 AND CONSULTATION TO GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND EVALUATION OF THE  
20 PILOT PROGRAM.

21 **23-21-805. MAT expansion advisory board - created - duties.**

22 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING THE MAT  
23 EXPANSION ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH SHALL:

24 (a) REVIEW AND APPROVE PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND  
25 PROCEDURES;

26 (b) ADVISE AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE COLLEGE OF  
27 NURSING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

1 (c) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COLLEGE OF  
2 NURSING ON GRANT APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
3 GRANT AWARD AMOUNTS;

4 (d) ASSIST THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN EVALUATING THE PILOT  
5 PROGRAM; AND

6 (e) PERFORM OTHER TASKS, AS REQUESTED BY THE COLLEGE OF  
7 NURSING, RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
8 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

9 (2) (a) THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10 THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE DESIGNATED BY  
11 THE ENTITY OR ORGANIZATION:

12 (I) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING;

13 (II) THE STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREND AND RESPONSE TASK  
14 FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 18-18.5-103;

15 (III) THE COLORADO CONSORTIUM FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE  
16 PREVENTION, ADMINISTERED UNDER THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND  
17 PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
18 ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS;

19 (IV) THE COLORADO NURSES ASSOCIATION;     

20 (V) THE COLORADO ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND

21 (VI) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
22 COLORADO.

23 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)  
24 OF THIS SECTION, AT LEAST ONE MEDICAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH  
25 PROFESSIONAL FROM EACH COUNTY IN THE PILOT AREA, APPOINTED AS  
26 FOLLOWS, SHALL SERVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD:

27 (I) THE NORTHWEST COLORADO COMMUNITY HEALTH

1 PARTNERSHIP IN ROUTT COUNTY SHALL APPOINT A MEDICAL OR PUBLIC  
2 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FROM ROUTT COUNTY; AND

3 (II) THE PUEBLO COUNTY HEROIN TASK FORCE SHALL APPOINT A  
4 MEDICAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FROM PUEBLO COUNTY.

5 **23-21-806. Grant application - criteria - awards.** (1) TO  
6 RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION OR PRACTICE MUST SUBMIT  
7 AN APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
8 PILOT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE  
9 COLLEGE OF NURSING. AT A MINIMUM, THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE  
10 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

11 (a) THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT WILL USE THE GRANT;

12 (b) THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY REQUESTED;

13 (c) THE NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN  
14 ASSISTANTS WILLING TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING;

15 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF ANY INCENTIVES TO ASSIST NURSE  
16 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN COMPLETING THE REQUIRED  
17 TRAINING AND BECOMING CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE;

18 (e) AN AGREEMENT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR  
19 IMPLEMENTING MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT;

20 (f) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE APPLICANT WILL ACHIEVE  
21 IMPROVED ACCESS TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT IN THE PILOT  
22 AREA;

23 (g) IDENTIFICATION OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF CARE FOR  
24 OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS; AND

25 (h) AN EVALUATION PLAN.

26 (2) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS  
27 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO

1 THE COLLEGE OF NURSING REGARDING GRANT RECIPIENTS AND AWARDS.  
2 IN RECOMMENDING GRANT AWARDS AND IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE  
3 ADVISORY BOARD AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL CONSIDER THE  
4 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 5 (a) THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS;
- 6 (b) THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS THAT COULD BE  
7 SERVED BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN  
8 OR WITH A PRACTICE OR ORGANIZATION APPLYING FOR A GRANT;
- 9 (c) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO IMPLEMENT  
10 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING MAT;
- 11 (d) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO HAVE NURSE  
12 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PARTICIPATE IN PERIODIC  
13 CONSULTATIONS WITH COLLEGE OF NURSING STAFF; AND
- 14 (e) THE WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE APPLICANT TO PARTICIPATE  
15 IN THE EVALUATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

16 (3) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, IN THE 2017-18 AND  
17 2018-19 FISCAL YEARS, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL AWARD GRANTS  
18 TO APPLICANTS APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND SHALL  
19 DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY TO GRANT RECIPIENTS WITHIN NINETY  
20 DAYS AFTER ISSUING THE GRANT AWARDS.

21 **23-21-807. Reporting requirements.** (1) EACH ORGANIZATION  
22 OR PRACTICE THAT RECEIVES A GRANT THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM  
23 SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING BY A  
24 DATE SET BY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST  
25 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 26 (a) THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE  
27 GRANT WAS RECEIVED;

1 (b) AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW THE GRANT MONEY WAS SPENT AND  
2 WHETHER ANY GRANT MONEY WAS NOT EXPENDED;

3 (c) THE NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN  
4 ASSISTANTS WHO WERE TRAINED AND WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATION TO  
5 PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE AND ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS AND THERAPIES  
6 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT  
7 OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND

8 (d) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING RECEIVED BY  
9 NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; WHETHER THE NURSE  
10 PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND  
11 ATTAINED STATUS AS A QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN  
12 ASSISTANT; WHETHER THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS OR PHYSICIAN  
13 ASSISTANTS THAT ATTAINED QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR  
14 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STATUS ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO PROVIDE AND ARE  
15 PROVIDING MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO OPIOID-DEPENDENT  
16 PATIENTS; THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS  
17 TREATED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS BEFORE THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND  
18 THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-DEPENDENT PATIENTS TREATED DURING THE PILOT  
19 PROGRAM PERIOD BY EACH QUALIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN  
20 ASSISTANT.

21 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2018, AND ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30,  
22 2019, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SHALL SUBMIT A SUMMARIZED REPORT ON  
23 THE PILOT PROGRAM TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
24 OF THE SENATE AND THE HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT AND  
25 PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE  
26 OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND TO THE  
27 GOVERNOR. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

- 1 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;
- 2 (b) A LIST IDENTIFYING THE GRANT RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING THE  
3 AMOUNT AWARDED TO EACH GRANT RECIPIENT AND A DETAILED  
4 DESCRIPTION OF HOW EACH GRANT RECIPIENT USED THE GRANT AWARD;
- 5 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN  
6 ASSISTANTS WHO COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING AND BECAME  
7 CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE, LISTED BY COUNTY  
8 PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;
- 9 (d) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SERVED DURING THE COURSE  
10 OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, LISTED BY COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT  
11 PROGRAM;
- 12 (e) A SUMMARY OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INSTITUTED BY  
13 GRANT RECIPIENTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF MAT BY QUALIFIED  
14 NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS;
- 15 (f) A SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;  
16 AND
- 17 (g) A SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
18 FOR IMPLEMENTING MAT AS PROVIDED BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND  
19 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

20 **23-21-808. Funding for pilot program.** (1)(a) FOR THE 2017-18  
21 AND 2018-19 STATE FISCAL YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL  
22 ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FISCAL  
23 YEAR FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
24 39-28.8-501 TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
25 COLORADO, FOR ALLOCATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING TO IMPLEMENT  
26 THE MAT EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM. THE COLLEGE OF NURSING MAY  
27 USE A PORTION OF THE MONEY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PILOT

1 PROGRAM TO PAY THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE COLLEGE OF  
2 NURSING INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS TO  
3 PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO AND OVERSIGHT OF GRANT RECIPIENTS,  
4 FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, EVALUATION OF THE PILOT  
5 PROGRAM, AND PROGRAM REPORTING.

6 (b) IF ANY UNEXPENDED OR UNCOMMITTED MONEY APPROPRIATED  
7 FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR REMAINS AT THE END OF THAT FISCAL  
8 YEAR, THE SCHOOL OF NURSING MAY EXPEND THE MONEY IN ACCORDANCE  
9 WITH THIS SECTION IN THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR. ANY UNEXPENDED OR  
10 UNCOMMITTED MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF THE 2018-19 FISCAL  
11 YEAR REVERTS TO THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND.

12 (2) THE COLLEGE OF NURSING MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY  
13 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS IT RECEIVES TO IMPLEMENT OR ADMINISTER  
14 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

15 **23-21-809. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 8 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
16 JUNE 30, 2020.

17 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,  
18 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by  
19 the regents of the university of Colorado. This appropriation is from the  
20 marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To  
21 implement this act, the regents may use this appropriation for allocation  
22 to the college of nursing for the medication assisted treatment expansion  
23 pilot program.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.