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HOUSE BILL 22-1290

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Titone and Ortiz,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Zenzinger and Coram,

House Committees

Health & Insurance
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO MEDICAID TO ALLOW FOR EXPEDITED**
102 **REPAIRS TO COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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 prohibits the department of health care policy and financing (state department) from requiring prior authorization for any repair of complex rehabilitation technology (CRT).

No later than October 1, 2023, the bill requires the medical services board to promulgate rules establishing repair metrics for all CRT

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suppliers and CRT professionals. Prior to promulgating rules, the bill requires the state department to engage in a stakeholder process. Beginning January 2024, the bill requires the state department to report on the metrics and compliance with the metrics.

The bill authorizes the state department to assess a fine for violations of repair metric rules on a supplier beginning 3 years after the date the repair metric rules are established.

Beginning December 1, 2024, the bill requires the state department to reimburse labor costs at a rate that is 25% higher for clients residing in rural areas than urban areas.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-323, **add** (4),
3 (5), (6), and (7) as follows:

4 **25.5-5-323. Complex rehabilitation technology - no prior**
5 **authorization - metrics - report - rules - legislative declaration -**
6 **definitions.** (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT REQUIRE PRIOR
7 AUTHORIZATION FOR ANY REPAIR OF COMPLEX REHABILITATION
8 TECHNOLOGY.

9 (5) (a) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2023, THE STATE BOARD
10 SHALL PROMULGATE RULES ESTABLISHING REPAIR METRICS FOR ALL
11 COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIERS AND COMPLEX
12 REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS. AT A MINIMUM, THE
13 METRICS MUST INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR REPAIRING COMPLEX
14 REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY IN A TIMELY MANNER AND THE EXPECTED
15 QUALITY OF EACH REPAIR. PRIOR TO PROMULGATING RULES PURSUANT TO
16 THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a), THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENGAGE IN A
17 STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, WHICH PROCESS MUST INCLUDE QUALIFIED
18 COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS, QUALIFIED
19 COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIERS, AND COMPLEX
20 REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY CLIENTS.

1 (b) BEGINNING JANUARY 2024, AND EACH JANUARY THEREAFTER,
2 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ON THE METRICS DEVELOPED
3 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND COMPLIANCE WITH
4 THE METRICS AS PART OF ITS "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE,
5 RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" HEARING
6 REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203.

7 (6) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY BEGIN ASSESSING FINES ON A
8 QUALIFIED COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIER FOR
9 VIOLATIONS OF THE REPAIR METRIC RULES THREE YEARS AFTER THE DATE
10 THE REPAIR METRIC RULES ARE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
11 (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (7) BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2024, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
13 SHALL REIMBURSE LABOR COSTS FOR REPAIRS OF COMPLEX
14 REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY AT A RATE THAT IS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT
15 HIGHER FOR CLIENTS RESIDING IN RURAL AREAS THAN THE RATE FOR
16 CLIENTS RESIDING IN URBAN AREAS.

17 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal
18 year, \$112,668 is appropriated to the department of health care policy and
19 financing. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this
20 act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

21 (a) \$33,720 for use by the executive director's office for personal
22 services, which amount is based on an assumption that the office will
23 require an additional 1.0 FTE;

24 (b) \$3,775 for use by the executive director's office for operating
25 expenses; and

26 (c) \$75,173 for medical and long-term care services for Medicaid
27 eligible individuals, which amount is subject to the "(M)" notation as

1 defined in the annual general appropriation act for the same fiscal year.

2 (2) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, the general assembly
3 anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will
4 receive \$112,668 in federal funds. The appropriation in subsection (1) of
5 this section is based on the assumption that the office will receive this
6 amount of federal funds to be used as follows:

7 (a) \$33,720 for use by the executive director's office for personal
8 services, which amount is subject to the "(I)" notation as defined in the
9 annual general appropriation act for the same fiscal year;

10 (b) \$3,775 for use by the executive director's office for operating
11 expenses, which amount is subject to the "(I)" notation as defined in the
12 annual general appropriation act for the same fiscal year; and

13 (c) \$75,173 for medical and long-term care services for Medicaid
14 eligible individuals.

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