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HOUSE BILL 18-1112

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A
102 PHARMACIST.

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 requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage for health care services provided by a pharmacist if:

- ! The services are provided within a health professional shortage area; and
- ! The health benefit plan provides coverage for the same services provided by a licensed physician or advanced

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

practice nurse.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-144, **add** (2)
3 as follows:

4 **10-16-144. Health care services provided by pharmacists.**

5 (2) (a) A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
6 SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES
7 PROVIDED BY A PHARMACIST WITHIN A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE
8 AREA, AS DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 254e, IF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED
9 IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.

10 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A CARRIER TO
11 CONTRACT WITH A PHARMACY OR PHARMACIST WILLING TO ABIDE BY THE
12 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY THE HEALTH
13 BENEFIT PLAN OR CARRIER.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.