

Colorado Opioid & Other Substance Use Disorder Bills 2021



PREVENTION 2019 INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Reps Kennedy, Herod Sens Winter, Priola

- Improves insurance coverage to alternatives to opioids
- Requires PDMP check for opioids & benzodiazipines
- Establishes competency based standards for CME re: opioids, benzos & chronic pain
- Continues 7-day limit for acute opioid; requires rule-making for limiting benzo Rx
- Creates a university collaborative for evidence-based prevention



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY ACT

Sens Pettersen, Winter Reps Kennedy, Michaelson-Jenet

- Creates the Behavioral Health and Mental Health Cash Fund with an appropriation of \$550 million from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars thru Dec 2024
- Of this \$550 million, allocates approx \$112 million for specific behavioral health uses in fiscal year 2021-2022
- Includes various other measures; see SB137 Bill Summary for more info



NALOXONE BULK PURCHASE

Sen Ginal Rep Froelich

Clean-up language to align statute for standing orders and naloxone bulk purchase fund

PHARMACISTS INJECTIBLE MEDS

Reps Lontine, Will Sens Ginal, Kirkmeyer

Clean-up language on statute allowing pharmacist authority to administer extended-release injectable medications



PHARMACIST NALOXONE PRESCRIBING

Sen Fields Reps Mullica, Pelton

Requires a pharmacist who dispenses an opioid Rx to offer naloxone at least 1x per year, if the recipient receives a high dose opioid or is also prescribed a benzodiazipine, with certain exceptions



PEER PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Reps Pelton, Caraveo Sens Zenzinger, Hisey

- Adds peer support professional services provided through a recovery support organizations as eligible for Medicaid reimbursement
- Defines peer support terms in statute



PDMP CONTINUATION

Sens Pettersen, Jaquez Lewis Reps Mullica, Rich



- Continues the Colorado Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Allows a deputy coroner to access PDMP



PDMP EXPANSION

Reps Rich, Mullica Sens Pettersen, Coram

Allows for tracking of Rx drugs in PDMP as determined through rule-making