**First Regular Session**

**Seventy-second General Assembly**

**STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 19-XXXX.01 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ xXXXX HOUSE BILL 19-XXXX

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

**CONCERNING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND TO ESTABLISH COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.**

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.)

**Section 1** of the bill establishes coverage requirements for medications used for the treatment of substance use disorders.

***Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.***

***Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.***

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 10-16-149 as follows:

10-16-149. Medication-assisted treatment – carriers. (1) EACH CARRIER THAT PROVIDES PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS SHALL:

(a) NOT IMPOSE ANY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS ON ANY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS;

(b) NOT IMPOSE ANY STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE CARRIER WILL AUTHORIZE COVERAGE FOR A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION APPROVED BY THE FDA FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS;

(c) PLACE ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE FDA FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ON THE LOWEST TIER OF THE DRUG FORMULARY DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED BY THE INSURER.

(d) NOT EXCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ANY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION APPROVED BY THE FDA FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND ANY ASSOCIATED COUNSELING OR WRAPARAOUND SERVICES ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH MEDICATIONS AND SERVICES WERE COURT ORDERED.