

# SB20-007 Concerning Treatment for Substance Use Disorders

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This bill addresses a variety of measures to improve treatment services for individuals with an opioid or other substance use disorder.

This bill requires insurance carriers to:

- Provide coverage for the treatment of substance use disorders in accordance with the American Society of Addiction Medicine or most current criteria.
- Provide coverage for at least one form of naloxone.
- Report to the commissioner of insurance on the number of in-network providers who are licensed to prescribe medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders and number of prescriptions filled by enrollees.

This bill increases access to treatment:

- Prohibits denying access to medical or substance use disorder treatment services, including recovery services, to persons who are participating in prescribed medication-assisted treatment in the following settings: recovery residences, courts, judicial programs, community corrections and in entities contracting with the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH).
- Requires the statewide managed care system to provide coordination of care for the full continuum of substance use and mental health treatment.
- Authorizes the commissioner of insurance to review and revise the essential health benefits package for medication-assisted treatment.

This bill consolidates and modernizes part 1 of article 82 of title 27 into the existing article 81 of title 27, C.R.S., aligning the voluntary, emergency, and involuntary commitment statutes for alcohol misuse and substance misuse. The bill adjusts the duration of the initial commitment from thirty days to up to ninety days and adds a patient's rights section.



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