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February 24, 2026

The Honorable Lindsey Gilchrist  
Chair  
House Committee on Health & Human Services  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E Colfax Avenue Room 307  
Denver, CO 80203

## **Re: COSAM's Support for HB26-1063, Treating People with Behavioral Health Disorder**

Dear Chair Gilchrist,

On behalf of the Colorado Society of Addiction Medicine (COSAM), the medical specialty society representing physicians and clinicians in Colorado specializing in the treatment of addiction, we write today in support of HB26-1063.

This legislation would improve Medicaid reimbursement to opioid treatment programs for administering medications for addiction treatment in a jail setting. Methadone and buprenorphine reduce overdose rates substantially. Additionally, individuals involved in the criminal justice system are at elevated risk for opioid overdose. This bill will save lives by providing life-saving medications to a vulnerable population. We commend the sponsors for introducing this important legislation and demonstrating their commitment to saving lives in Colorado.

### **We support HB26-1063 and urge members of the committee to vote for this legislation.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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