

# **HB 09-1047**

## **Integrative Medical Therapies for Persons with Long Term Disabilities**

### **What is the mission of Integrative Medical Therapies for Persons with Long Term Disabilities?**

Integrative Medical Therapies (IMT) for Persons with Long Term Disabilities mission is as follows: To make Integrative Medical Therapies available to persons with Long Term Disabilities, to study the success of these therapies on improved health outcomes and cost savings for the state of Colorado Medicaid.

### **What is Integrative Medical Therapies for Persons with Long Term Disabilities?**

This is a 3-year Medicaid pilot program that will provide access to three forms of IMT including acupuncture, chiropractic care and massage therapy. With appropriate funding, the program is authorized to begin January 2012. The results of the program, including an independent evaluation of cost savings to the State, will be reported to the General Assembly in August 2015.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Clients currently enrolled in the elderly, blind and disabled home and community based services waiver program; and,
  
- Clients with an inability to ambulate unassisted inside or outside of the home without assistive technology; and
  
- Clients meeting at least 4 of the following conditions:
  - Severe autonomic dysreflexia within past 3 years
  - Pressure ulcer within the last 3 years
  - Neurogenic bladder, detrusor external spincter dyssynergia: or detrusor areflexia
  - Neurogenic bowel
  - Chronic muscle spasticity / contractures

### **What does it cost?**

The pilot program is contingent upon appropriate gifts, grants and donations.



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