



# CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO

Policy Committee

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## **SB17-003: Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange**

- Sponsors:
  - Jim Smallwood (R) in the Senate and Patrick Neville (R) in the House.
  
- Overview:
  - Bill would repeal Connect for Health Colorado's enacting legislation (SB11-200).
  - Has an effective date of 1/1/2018 to allow the exchange to continue for one year for the purpose of winding up its affairs.
  - Requires the board, on the last day of the wind-up period (12/31/2018), to transfer any unencumbered money that remains in the exchange to the state treasurer, who shall transfer the money to the general fund.
  
- Status:
  - Introduced in the Senate and assigned to Senate Finance Committee. Scheduled for committee January 31, 2017.

# Legislative Update: Federal

## Budget Resolution Process

- Congress is beginning the process of Budget Resolution to repeal parts of the ACA.
- House and Senate passed an identical budget resolution, which includes reconciliation instructions to the House committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce as well as the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and Finance committees to present deficit reduction legislation to their respective Budget committees by January 27, 2017. This is not a hard deadline.
- There are several more steps to pass reconciliation legislation:
  1. House and Senate Budget committees will each combine and vote on reconciliation legislation from their respective committees as indicated above.
  2. Budget committees in the House and Senate will refer reconciliation legislation for a full floor vote in each chamber.
  3. If the House and Senate adopt difference versions of a reconciliation bill, they must work out the differences in a conference committee.
  4. House and Senate vote on final piece of legislation from conference committee.
  5. President signs final Reconciliation legislation into law.
- This process can be delayed due to lack of replacement plan