

***Policy Committee Meeting Minutes***  
*Connect for Health Colorado Meeting Room*  
*East Tower, Suite 1025*  
*3773 Cherry Creek N Dr., Denver, CO 80209*  
***July 24, 2017***  
***3:30 PM – 5:15 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Adela Flores-Brennan, Jay Norris, Sharon O’Hara and Marc Reece

**Staff Present:** Brian Braun, Traci Butzen, Caren Henderson, Judith Jung, Molly McClurg, Kevin Patterson, Pernilla Rovnik-Johnson and Alan Schmitz

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., welcoming those in attendance, both in-person and on the phone. The June Policy Committee minutes were voted on and approved

**II. Updates**

**a. Colorado Department of HealthCare Policy and Financing (HCPF)**

Nina Schwartz, Eligibility Communications Specialist, updated the Committee on possible changes to Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), the public low-cost health plan for children and pregnant women. The changes include:

- Decreasing income eligibility for new applicants or those renewing from the current 250% to 143%-205% above poverty line (APL) as of October 1, 2017.
- After the current funding allocation runs out, there is a possibility the program will cease.

**b. Division of Insurance (DOI)**

Matt Mortier, Director of Compliance at Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies offered the following updates:

- Draft revision bulletin B-4-79, regarding the enrollment period of individual and group health insurance plans, is ready for informal external review.
- Many of the new requirements and language of Regulation 4.2.43 have been incorporated around carrier verifications and the Special Enrollment Period (SEP), this is out for external review.
- There are some changes to Regulation 4-2-39 regarding the enhanced Bronze and the allowable plus/minus for AD calculations for the Special Silver Plans.
- The DOI is working with stakeholders to determine possible Federal waiver programs to assist in high cost/high risk healthcare.

**III. Legislative Update**

Ian McMahon, Interagency Policy Operations Manager with Connect for Health Colorado gave the following legislative updates:

- On Tuesday, the senate plans to vote on repealing the Affordable Care Act. If the bill passes, the Senate will move forward to either a straight repeal or a repeal and replace bill.
- On Friday, the Senate Parliamentarian challenged key provisions of the Better Care Reconciliation Act noting they didn't meet the requirements under the reconciliation rule.

#### **IV. Quick Cost & Plan Finder Tool Presentation**

Caren Henderson, Senior Marketing Manager and Pernilla Rovik-Johnson, Project Manager with Connect for Health Colorado presented the Quick Cost & Plan Finder Tool. The Quick Cost & Plan Finder Tool is a customer decision support tool designed to educate customers about multiple factors beyond premiums, including:

- Total out-of-pocket costs
- Preferred doctors
- Preferred medications
- Cost impacts of health usage

New enhancements to the tool this year include:

- Reduction in number of screens by 50%.
- Includes the prescription and out of pocket costs.
- Regionalizes the data to be more accurate to the area the customer lives in.

It was noted that the tool gives customers an estimate of their total out of pockets costs. This is not an eligibility tool.

The tool is expected to go into production sometime toward the later end of August to ensure its readiness for open enrollment.

#### **V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara  
Policy Committee Chair