

## Proposed legislation advances discussion around healthcare options

### Connect for Health Colorado supports House Bill 1004 and House Bill 1176

We support these bills because they play an important role in moving the conversation forward on expanding affordable healthcare options for Colorado residents. These studies will enable us to review and discuss several options that aim to improve access to affordable coverage in our state.

We recognize that these bills are just a starting point and will require much more discussion. **As a result, we do not currently endorse any specific proposal or solution.** We instead look forward to convening with stakeholders and policymakers to determine the best path forward in this evolving landscape.

#### **House Bill 1004: Proposal for Affordable Health Coverage Options**

This bill requires the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing and the Division of Insurance to develop and submit a proposal to the General Assembly concerning the design, costs, benefits and implementation of a state option for healthcare coverage.

*Connect for Health Colorado is included in the stakeholder analysis process outlined in this bill, which also engages public and private health insurance experts, consumers, consumer advocates, employers, providers and carriers.*

#### **House Bill 1176: Healthcare Cost Savings Act of 2019**

This bill creates a healthcare task force that is charged with hiring an analyst who will study the fiscal costs and other impacts of the following healthcare financing systems:

- The current healthcare financial system in which residents receive healthcare coverage from private and public insurance carriers or are uninsured;
- A multi-payer, universal healthcare financing system in which competing insurance carriers or health maintenance organizations receive payments from a public financing authority; and
- A publicly financed and privately delivered universal healthcare system that directly compensates providers.

*Connect for Health Colorado is included as a member of the task force detailed in the bill, will be monitoring the progress of the study and will work with other task force members to report the findings of the analyst to the General Assembly.*