

Legislative Updates

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Federal Updates

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2023 Omnibus Spending Bill Passed

- **Beginning April 1st, Medicaid continuous coverage requirement no longer tied to Public Health Emergency**
- CHP+ funded through 2029
- Funds government through end of the fiscal year (September 2023)



State Updates

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Legislative Session Begins Today



Legislative Leadership

Senate President: Stephen Fenberg (D-Boulder)



Majority Leader: Dominick Moreno (D- Adams)



Minority Leader: Paul Lundeen (R- El Paso)



Assistant Minority Leader: Bob Gardner (R- El Paso)



Speaker of the House: Julie McCluskie (D-Summit)



Majority Leader: Monica Duran (D-Jefferson)



Minority Leader: Mike Lynch (R-Weld)




Assistant Minority Leader: Rose Pugliese (R- El Paso)



SMART Act Hearing

- Scheduled for January 12th
- Listen in via leg.Colorado.gov > Watch & Listen > Now Playing > Joint Health Committee



The screenshot shows the Colorado General Assembly website. At the top left is the state seal and the text "Second Regular Session | 73rd General Assembly" and "Colorado General Assembly". To the right are navigation links: "Visit & Learn", "Find My Legislator", and "Watch & Listen". Below these is a search bar with an "Apply" button. At the bottom is a horizontal menu with links: "INTERIM SCHEDULE", "BILLS", "LAWS", "LEGISLATORS", "COMMITTEES", "INITIATIVES", "BUDGET", "AUDITS", "PUBLICATIONS", and "AGENCIES". A large blue arrow points from the top right towards the "Watch & Listen" link.

Legislative Oversight Committee

- Kevin presented to the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee December 19th



Potential Bill

Members of the Oversight Committee floated the possibility of bringing forward a narrow, technical bill to address:

- Timing of Legislative Oversight Committee meetings
 - Often immediately precedes SMART Act hearing, resulting in redundant presentations
- Timing of Annual Report due to Legislature
 - Currently, we create an Annual Report delivered to the Legislature on January 15th
 - This timing does not allow us to include the full Open Enrollment report
- What questions do you have?

Board Legislative Approach

- **Connect for Health Colorado will not take a position on legislation unless the legislation will have a direct and significant impact on the continued operation of the Exchange.**
- If that's the case...

Board Legislative Approach

- Board may discuss whether a position and/or public testimony is warranted.
- If the Board is unable to convene in a timely manner, the Executive Committee may discuss whether a position and/or public testimony is warranted.
- Board will be notified within 24 hours and prior to public testimony.
- If the Board does not take a position on the legislation, the CEO has the authority to communicate the potential impacts of the legislation and staff recommendation to oppose, support, or monitor.



Questions?