



Legislative Update

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Legislation with a Board Position



HB24-1035: Modernize Health Benefit Exchange Governance

- **Position:** Support
- **Sponsors:** Rep. Jodeh and Rep. Boesenecker; Sen. Jacquez-Lewis and Sen. Will
- **What does the bill do:**
 - Technical clean up bill suggested by Hon. Susan Lontine before her departure
 - Removes January 15th due date for Connect for Health Colorado's required report to the Legislature + Governor
 - Clarifies timing and frequency of Legislative Oversight Committee meetings
 - Clarifies who serves on the Legislative Oversight Committee
- **Votes:** Passed House Health Committee unanimously and the full House 53-11
- **Next Steps:** Senate Health Committee hearing March 6th

Legislation for Discussion



SB24-073: Maximum Number of Employees to Qualify as Small Employer

- **What the bill does:**

- For the purposes of providing health insurance coverage, the bill changes the definition of a “small employer” that employs 1-100 employees to 1-50 employees starting in 2026
- Effectively makes businesses with 50-100 employees eligible for large group coverage

- **Sponsors:** Sen. Smallwood, Maj. Leader Rodriguez, Rep. Velasco

- **Next Action:**

- **Impact to Connect for Health Colorado:** no direct impact, no position recommended

Legislation for Recommendation



SB024-093: Continuity of Health-Care Coverage Change

- **What the bill does:**

- Requires continuity of care for up to 90 days for individuals undergoing treatment in specific circumstances (*serious and complex conditions, terminally ill, or nonelective surgery*) and for pregnant people through their postpartum care if:
 - Transitioning from Medicaid to private coverage
 - Their private coverage was not renewed because the issuer no longer offers plans they are eligible for
 - Issuer shall reimburse at standard in-network rate
 - Patient cannot be balance billed

- **Sponsors:** Sen. Michaelson Jenet, Rep. Amabile

- **Next Action:** Senate 3rd reading

SB024-093: continued

- **Impact to Connect for Health Colorado:**
 - Check with kate and ezra if we've heard things about this re: unwind from brokers and assisters re: cont of coverage
 - Will help Coloradans no longer eligible for Medicaid with serious conditions better make the transition to individual market coverage
 - Will help customers with serious medical conditions when their issuer no longer serves their area
- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Mission:**
 - Increases access to coverage of necessary medical treatments during coverage transitions
- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Strategic Plan:**
 - Allows Coloradans to attain and retain coverage of necessary medical treatments during coverage transitions
- **Staff Recommendation:** Support

SB24-093: Discussion

- If passed, how will this affect the communities/entities you represent?
- What questions do you have?
- What additional information do you need to make a position recommendation?
- What considerations do you want to share with the Board?