

Policy & Operations Committee Minutes
February 26, 2022
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Board Members Present: Mara Baer and Adam Fox

Staff Present: Justin Brandon, Kelly Guthner, Jessalyn Hampton, Ilana Rivera, Nina Schwartz, and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome & Introductions

Adam Fox called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The January Policy & Operations minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Partner Updates

DOI

Staff from the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided the Committee with a Legislative & Regulatory Update:

- Emergency Regulation 24-E-02, Concerning Colorado Option Standardized Health Benefit Plans was adopted by the Commissioner of Insurance
- Emergency Regulation 24-E-03, Concerning the methodology for calculating premium rate reductions for Colorado Option Standardized Health Benefit Plans was adopted by the Commissioner of Insurance
- SB24-093, Continuity of Health-Care Coverage Change, has passed
- SB24-080, Transparency in Health-Care Coverage, was introduced and is under consideration
- Information on Colorado Option Public Hearings can be found here

HCPF

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) provided the Committee with a Legislative Overview:

- HB 24-1146, Medicaid Provider Suspension, was signed into law on February 20. This law gives HCPF the authority to suspend Medicaid providers if they are suspected of participating in a criminal or fraud scheme
- HB24-1229, Presumptive Eligibility for Long-Term Care, will be in the House Health and Human Services Committee on March 6. This bill would give HCPF the authority to seek federal approval of a 1115 waiver to extend presumptive eligibility to individuals transitioning from the hospital to a community setting to streamline and ease that transition. HCPF has already been appropriated funds to cover the costs of these services, should the person be found not eligible
- HCPF figure setting will begin March 4, with the Office of Community Living and Behavioral Health for 3 new bills:

- Medicaid for certain deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) recipients: dependent on dependent on the finalization of a pending federal rule that would allow HCPF to draw a federal match for certain DACA recipients
- Adding Autism Services to Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+): continued access to care for children transitioning from Medicaid to CHP+ during the PHE unwind, as well as expanding access for kids currently on CHP+
- Sunsetting Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP): this bill would sunset the CICP program and add funds to the Primary Care Fund for 200-250% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to maintain access to care for individuals receiving care through CICP

III. **Legislative Session**

Legislative Update

Staff presented a Legislative update to the committee. The presentation highlighted HB24-1035, Modernize Health Benefit Exchange Governance, which the Board has taken a support position on.

Legislation for discussion include:

- SB24-073, Maximum Number of Employees to Qualify as Small Employer
 - No recommendation required because this bill does not directly affect Connect for Health Colorado

Legislation for Recommendation:

- SB024-093, Continuity of Health-Care Coverage Change
 - This bill directly affects Connect for Health Colorado, and the staff recommendation is for the Committee to take a position of s

The Committee accepted a position of support for SB024-093 and will be moved to the Board for discussion and approval.

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V. **Assistance Network & Enrollment Center Application Cycle**

Staff presented the Operational Plan for Assistance Network & Enrollment Center Application Cycle. The presentation highlighted partner programs for fiscal year 2025-2026, partner application timelines, reasons customers seek Assister support, importance of assister services, and selection criteria of Assistance Network Programs.

VI. **Public Comment**

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Fox
Committee Chair