

Policy Committee Minutes
February 24, 2020
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Kate Harris (proxy for Mike Conway), Sharon O’Hara, Mike Stahl

Staff Present: Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Jacqueline Giordano, Stephanie Gray, Emma Oppenheim, Ilana Rivera, Aron Snyder, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance, both in-person and on the phone.

The January Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. HCPF Update

None.

III. DOI Update

None.

IV. Legislative Update

Connect for Health Colorado is tracking the following Colorado [state bills](#):

- HB 20-1008 - Defines a health care cost-sharing arrangement as a health care sharing ministry or medical cost-sharing community that collects funds from its members on a regular basis for the purposes of sharing, covering, or defraying the medical costs of its members. A health care cost-sharing arrangement is required to:
 - Report specified information to the commissioner of insurance (commissioner),
 - Provide certain disclosures.
 - Respond to requests for payment of medical expenses from health care providers within a period specified by the commissioner by rule.
 - Insurance brokers must provide the same disclosures that a health care cost-sharing arrangement is required to provide.
 - The bill previously included a prohibition against selling health care sharing ministry plans during the open enrollment period. The bill was changed to indicate that producers or brokers selling health care sharing plans are required to notify their consumers via writing.

- SB 20-145 – This bill repeals the Reinsurance program after the first two years of operation.
 - Upon Senator J. Smallwood’s request, this bill was postponed indefinitely.

- HB 20-1236 – The easy enrollment bill. This bill would leverage the tax filing process to connect uninsured Coloradans to free of subsidized health care coverage.
 - The Board has taken a support position and staff testified in support of this bill.
 - No one testified in opposition of the bill.
 - Two amendments were offered to the bill:
 - The advisory committee will now include a representative from the Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) program.
 - The second amendment that was offered but not passed was to limit the special enrollment period to only individuals who qualified for financial assistance.
 - Confusion on technical language around tax household caused the amendment to not pass. Once the language is clarified, the amendment will likely pass.

V. Plan Display

Staff gave a presentation on changes to plan display. The purpose is to modernize the shopping experience to more closely align with the overall Connect for Health Colorado customer experience and provide flexibility for future enhancements. The presentation included detailed mockups of the plan page designs.

The guiding design principles presented includes:

- Simplifying the task at hand.
- Design for mobile first.
- Design for scalability.

VI. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O’Hara
Policy Committee Chair