

Policy Committee Minutes
February 22, 2021
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Sharon O’Hara, and Marc Reece

Staff Present: Chelsey Bibeau, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Beth Deines, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Kelly Guthner, Molly McClurg, Danny O’Neil, Emma Oppenheim, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Lisa Sevier, Nina Schwartz, 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 those in attendance.

The January Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. HCPF Update

Staff at the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided an update to the Committee:

- HCPF provided feedback to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding guidance on public health emergency (PHE) noticing. HCPF requested:
 - More time to provide the appropriate eligibility reviews for members to improve systems, operations, and member experience. The current guidance allows six months for eligibility reviews.
- HCPF will continue to monitor changes to the American Rescue Plan.

III. DOI Update

Staff from the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided an update to the Committee:

- The following regulations have been issued:
 - Emergency Regulation 21-E-03: Concerning coverage and reimbursement for COVID-19 treatment and vaccines during the COVID-19 disaster emergency (effective 2/24/21)
 - Emergency Regulation 21-E-01: Concerning the Health Insurance Affordability Fee Assessment and collection process (effective 2/5/21)
 - Emergency Regulation 21-E-02: Concerning establishing a special enrollment period for enrollment in an individual health benefit plan (effective 2/5/21)

- As the public health emergency continues, the DOI continues to reissue emergency regulations.

IV. Current Legislation Potentially Impacting C4HCO

The Committee reviewed the legislative update including federal and state legislation and the legislative tracker. Potential impacts to the Exchange due to the proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) include:

- Increasing the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) premium tax credits for 2021 and 2022.
- Temporary modification of limitations on reconciliation of 2020 tax credits for coverage under a qualified plan.
- Exchange grant program.
- People who receive unemployment benefits eligible for full premium subsidies under the ACA.
- Expansion of Medicaid
- Subsidizing Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) coverage through the end of September

Staff will continue to monitor the legislative session and provide updates to the Committee.

V. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair