

Leg & Policy Updates

Connect for Health Colorado Policy Committee
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Policy Implementation Updates

- Easy Enrollment
 - Check a box on State Taxes during 2022 tax time.
- Health Insurance Affordability Fund
 - Starting in 2022, State Funded Cost Sharing Reductions.

Colorado Standardized Benefit Bill ([HB21-1232](#))

- This bill is currently in the Health and Insurance Committee in the Colorado House.
- Connect for Health Colorado is still evaluating the impacts of this bill as it moves.
- Questions brought up by Board:
 - What is the relationship between HB 21-1232 and other affordability initiatives?
 - What are the financial and operational considerations?
 - How does this proposal meet or not meet Connect for Health Colorado's mission and strategic goals?
 - What does this mean for rural communities?
 - Are we gaining enrollees on the Exchange with this bill?



Moving Federal Legislation

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The American Jobs Plan and The American Families Plan

- American Jobs Plan (AJP)
 - currently under negotiations; bill text is imminent
 - Likely to expand long term care under Medicaid
- American Families Plan (AFP)
 - second part of the administration's infrastructure plan
 - focused on “social infrastructure”
 - Expected to make ARP provisions permanent and expand Medicare age
- Both Infrastructure packages (AJP and AFP) were approved to use the Budget Reconciliation process by the Senate Parliamentarian.