

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

**Board Members Present:** Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, and Patrick Gordon

**Staff Present:** Brian Braun, Bailey Dvorak, Jessalyn Hampton, Danny O’Neil, Emma Oppenheim, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Nina Schwartz, Alan Schmitz, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Adela Flores-Brennan chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

The October Committee minutes were reviewed and approved.

**II. HCPF Update**

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

- HCPF continues to work through planning and strategies regarding the end of the public health emergency (PHE) and is currently awaiting the final language of the Build Back Better Act (BBA)

**III. DOI Update**

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

- A Colorado Option Standardized plan stakeholder meeting will take place December 15, 2021
  - The meeting will begin discussion on the draft methodology for the premium rate reduction requirements for the 2023 plan year
  - Draft revised [1332 Innovation Waiver](#) includes updated language regarding the provision of federal law the Division is proposing to waive
  - Public comments on the draft are due by November 22, 2021, and will be reviewed after the holiday weekend
  - All meeting materials and registration can be found [here](#)
  - Colorado option standardized plan – frequently asked questions can be found [here](#)
- The Colorado Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) held their first meeting November 12, 2021. Information on the PDAB can be found [here](#)

- The amended regulation 4-2-43, regarding enrollment periods relating to individual and group health benefits plans has been adopted
  - Links to all virtual hearings can be found here
- The following emergency regulations have been adopted by the Commissioner without going through the rulemaking process:
  - Emergency regulation 21-E-15 – Concerning suspension of utilization review requirements for transfers or discharges from hospitals experience COVID-19- related clinical staffing shortages – effective 11/5/21
  - Links to all emergency regulations can be found here

#### **IV. Federal Legislative Update**

Staff provided the Committee with a brief federal legislative update:

- The BBA has passed the House on November 19, 2021, and will be sent to the Senate
- The proposed affordable care act provisions are subject to change. Connect for Health Colorado will be monitoring each of these provisions as they move through congress

#### **V. Policy Agenda Auto-enrollment Examples (Continued)**

The Committee reviewed a presentation on the Auto-enrollment experience in Massachusetts. The presentation underlined benefits, challenges, and conclusions drawn from an article written by Mark Shepard and Myles Wagner.

#### **Action Items**

Staff to research whether Massachusetts continued the Auto-enrollment process.

Staff to provide information on zero-dollar plan enrollment for individuals who default on payment.

Further discussion on the prioritization of auto-enrollment within the Policy Agenda will be forthcoming.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

Comment given by Daniella Gosselova, Broker

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adela Flores-Brennan  
Policy Committee Chair