

Policy Committee Minutes March 28, 2021 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, and Marc Reece

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Jessalyn Hampton, Danny O'Neil, Emma Oppenheim, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Nina Schwartz, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Adela Flores-Brennan chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

The February 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)
- HCPF is hosting the 2022 Health Cabinet Policy Summit March 24 & 31, 2022.
 Event information can be found here
- HCPF will host a webinar April 15, 2022, regarding planning for the end of the PHE. Registration and event information can be found here
- HCPF implemented their renewal revamp project last month and is monitoring member and worker experience to enhance processes

III. DOI Update

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

- The following emergency regulations have been adopted by the Commissioner without going through the rulemaking process:
 - Emergency regulation 22-E-07 Concerning establishing a special enrollment period for individuals currently enrolled in plans offered by Salvasen Health – effective 3/21/22
- DOI will hold a virtual rulemaking hearing on March 31, 2022, for 5 regulations.
 Registration for the hearing can be found <u>here</u>. Notice of rulemaking hearings and proposed regulations can be found <u>here</u>
 - The next Colorado Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) meeting will be held April 22, 2022. Information on the PDAB can be found here

IV. Legislative Session

Staff at Connect for Health Colorado presented <u>state legislative updates</u>. The presentation highlighted the following bills:

- <u>Senate Bill 22-081</u> (SB22-081) and next steps. The Board is in a "support" position
- House Bill 22-1269 (HB22-1269) and next steps. The Board is in a "support" position
- House Bill 22-1289 (HB22-1289) "Cover all Coloradans" for consideration
 - A pregnancy special enrollment period (SEP) would result in a slight enrollment increase
 - This bill aligns with the Connect for Health Colorado mission to increase access, affordability, and choice for individuals and small employers purchasing health insurance in Colorado
 - This bill will be discussed at the Board Advisory Group Meeting March 30, 2022

Action Item

Staff to research and clarify the noticing process for HB 22-1289.

As a reminder, Connect for Health Colorado only takes position on Legislation that directly impacts the operation of the Exchange and its customers.

V. Public Comment

Comment Given by Daniela Gosselova, Broker.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adela Flores-Brennan Policy Committee Chair