

***Board Advisory Group Meeting
October 26, 2022
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM***

Advisory Group Members Joining via Phone: Brandon Arnold, Chandler Budlong-Springer, Rosie Duran, Meagan Fearing, Allison Hiltz, Erin Miller, Kavita Nair, Michelle Nay, Bethany Pray, Eddie Sandoval, Liz Tansey, Cindy Watson, Donna Wehe, and Julia Wiswell

Advisory Group Members Absent: Jane Barnes, John Barela, Krystin Beadling, and Nikki Meredith

I. Welcome & Introductions

Jessalyn Hampton called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The August meeting minutes were approved.

New member Brandon Arnold was introduced.

II. Comments from Kevin Patterson

Kevin Patterson thanked the Advisory Group for their work, welcomed the new member, and extended well wishes for Open Enrollment.

III. SB22-081 Updates

Ezra Watland provided a high-level overview of the funding proposals for Senate Bill 081. The projected amount of the revised funding estimate totals \$850,000 for Year 1.

IV. Policy Updates

Jessalyn Hampton provided the Policy updates for the Group.

Public Health Emergency (PHE) –

The PHE was extended until January 11th, 2023. If it is not going to be extended again, a notification will go out by November 12th, 2022. There is ongoing collaboration with HCPF to ensure that customers coming off Medicaid can enroll on Connect for Health Colorado.

Family Glitch Final Rule –

The Treasury Department outlined and released the regulatory fix that will allow family members without affordable employer sponsored insurance to receive financial help. The rule is finalized and goes into effect for 2023 coverage. Connect for Health Colorado is working to build new tools to help assisters enroll family glitch customers.

On Exchange Cost-Sharing Reductions (CSR) Bump –

The Inflation Reduction Act secured additional financial help for Connect for Health Colorado customers. The Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE) also supports increased financial help:

- 138-150% Federal Poverty Line (FPL) = 94% cost-sharing; \$0 premiums (Silver plans)
- 150-200% FPL = 94% cost-sharing, premiums vary, but are reduced (Silver plans)

V. OmniSalud

Jessalyn Hampton introduced the new program, OmniSalud, to the Group. OmniSalud is a new health insurance option for Coloradans regardless of immigration status with a November 1st, 2022 enrollment start date.

For the first time ever, starting in January 2023, state financial help will be available to Coloradans purchasing a private health plan regardless of documentation status under 150% federal poverty line (FPL) and those over income limit will be able to purchase plans at full price on Colorado Connect.

A demo of the new OmniSalud webpages and Open Enrollment (OE) Toolkit were also presented to the Group, as well as a Colorado Connect demo presented by Jeff Miller.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.