



Legislative Update

March 11th 2024

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HB24-1035: Modernize Health Benefit Exchange Governance

- **Position:** Support
- **Sponsors:** Rep. Jodeh and Rep. Boesenecker; Sen. Jacquez-Lewis and Sen. Will
- **What does the bill do:**
 - Technical clean up bill suggested by Hon. Susan Lontine before her departure
 - Removes January 15th due date for Connect for Health Colorado's required report to the Legislature + Governor
 - Clarifies timing and frequency of Legislative Oversight Committee meetings
 - Clarifies who serves on the Legislative Oversight Committee
- **Votes:** Passed Senate Health and Human Services 6-2 on March 6th
- **Next Steps:** Senate Committee of the Whole

Legislation for Potential Board Position



SB024-093: Continuity of Health-Care Coverage Change

- **What the bill does:**

- Requires continuity of care for up to 90 days for individuals undergoing treatment in specific circumstances (*serious and complex conditions, terminally ill, or nonelective surgery*) and for pregnant people through their postpartum care if:
 - Transitioning from Medicaid to private coverage
 - Their private coverage was not renewed because the issuer no longer offers plans they are eligible for
 - Issuer shall reimburse at standard in-network rate
 - Patient cannot be balance billed

- **Sponsors:** Sen. Michaelson Jenet, Rep. Amabile

- **Next Action:** Passed Senate 33-2, in House Health March 12th

SB024-093: continued

- **Impact to Connect for Health Colorado:**
 - Will help Coloradans no longer eligible for Medicaid with serious conditions better make the transition to individual market coverage
 - Will help customers with serious medical conditions when their issuer no longer serves their area
- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Mission:**
 - Increases access to coverage of necessary medical treatments during coverage transitions
- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Strategic Plan:**
 - Allows Coloradans to attain and retain coverage of necessary medical treatments during coverage transitions
- **Registered Lobby Positions: Key Support and Opposition (as of 3/7)**
 - Advocacy groups in support, providers are monitoring, and issuers are either in monitor or amend positions. No registered opposition
- **Policy Committee Recommendation:** Support, with *input from issuer reps on Board*



SB24-093: Questions + Vote

HB24-1258: Credit Covered Person Expenses Insurer Insolvency

- **What the bill does:**

- For individual and small group health plans, if an individual's issuer leaves the market mid-plan year and can no longer provide coverage, the individual's new issuer must credit out-of-pocket expenses paid
- Provides methods for recouping expenses and increase in claims liability because of crediting out-of-pocket expenses

- **Sponsors:** Reps. Brown and Boesenecker, Sen. Roberts

- **Next Action:** Passed House 43-17, up in Senate Health March 20th

HB24-1258, cont.

- **Impact to Connect for Health Colorado:**
 - Will help Coloradans better make the transition to other ind/small group coverage in the event on a mid-year market exit, will encourage customers to re-enroll
- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Mission:**
 - Increases access, affordability, and choice of coverage for customers needing to seek new coverage in the event of a mid-year market exit
- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Strategic Plan:**
 - Allows Coloradans to attain new coverage for their health care needs and circumstances without worrying about resetting deductibles or out-of-pocket maxes
- **Registered Lobby Positions: Key Support and Opposition (as of 3/7)**
 - Advocacy groups in support, providers and issuers monitoring, no registered amend or opposition
- **Staff Recommendation: Support**



HB24-1258: Questions + Vote

Thank you!
Next Board Advisory Group Meeting: March
27th

Keep your eyes out for a Kudoboard for
outgoing Chair Jane Barnes