

Summary of HB20-1236

Bill Number: HB20-1236

Title: Health Care Coverage Easy Enrollment Program

Sponsors: Rep. S. Lontine, Rep. P. Will, Sen. J. Bridges, Sen. J. Tate

Bill Text: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020A/bills/2020a_1236_01.pdf

Summary:

The bill creates the Colorado affordable health care coverage easy enrollment program to allow Coloradans to use their personal state income tax return to be assessed for Health First Colorado or subsidies through the Exchange. This will allow uninsured residents of Colorado to check a box on their state income tax return if they are interested in determining their eligibility for subsidies via the Exchange. Consumers that indicate that they are interested in receiving an eligibility determination will be contacted by the Exchange and receive application and enrollment assistance. The bill also creates a special enrollment period to allow individuals who are notified that they are eligible for an insurance affordability program, to enroll in coverage through the Exchange.

The bill also establishes an advisory committee that will determine language and strategy of implementation and the group will be composed on or before September 1, 2020. The current timeline of the bill is set to begin when residents file taxes commencing on or after January 1, 2021. The advisory committee will be chaired by the Department of Revenue and Connect for Health Colorado and will consist of members from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF), Division of Insurance (DOI), carriers, Brokers/Assisters, consumer advocates, tax preparers and Colorado residents.