

***Policy Committee Minutes***  
***March 23, 2020***  
***12:45 PM – 3:00 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Mike Conway, and Sharon O’Hara

**Staff Present:** Kelly Davies, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Noah Gioiosa, Kelly Guthner, Molly McClurg, Emma Oppenheim, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Lisa Sevier, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance, both in-person and on the phone. The topic of a special enrollment period has been added to the agenda.

**II. HCPF Update**

None.

**III. DOI Update**

A deadline for rate filing has not yet been set but will fall approximately between the beginning and middle of June.

**IV. Special Enrollment Period**

In response to changes brought on by COVID-19, staff announced a 14-day special enrollment period (SEP) from March 20 – April 3. This SEP will be available to anyone who is uninsured and will go through the same pathway as a loss of minimal essential coverage (MEC).

The preliminary reports show a significant uptick in web traffic with 18.5k new website users.

**V. Legislative Update**

Staff gave a implementation update on HB 20-1236 implementation planning, HB 1349 impact analysis, and eligible but not enrolled (EBNE) analysis.

- HB 20-1236 – The easy enrollment bill.
  - Prior to the Legislator recess, this bill was passed out of the House and was introduced in the Senate Finance Committee
  - The Department of Revenue (DOR) is comfortable that the exchange meets applicable privacy and security needs
  - DOR is comfortable with the implementation timeline to share information
  - Once the exchange has a signed legislation, engagement with the DOR on more in-depth details will begin
  - Staff is working to create different options for evaluation
  - The Advisory group will finalize implementation

- HB 1349 – Colorado Affordable Health Care Option
  - Prior to the Legislature recess, this bill was heard in the House Health and Insurance Committee
  - This bill passed on a party-line vote
  - Analysis assumed that the Colorado Affordable Health Care Option would have different display and marketing criteria than the rest of the plans sold through the exchange
  - Based on this assumption, the exchange would need to make changes to marketing technology, training to internal and external stakeholders, and the data collection and reporting processes

**VI. Eligible but not Enrolled (EBNE)**

- This refers to individuals who are eligible for Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) but are not enrolled
- Every year the exchange conducts an analysis with the Colorado Health Institute to locate the EBNE population
- The analysis includes detailed breakdowns focusing on the uninsured, those on the individual market but not using APTCs, those on the exchange but not using APTCs, and those on the non-Connect for Health Colorado individual market
- Additional data elements recommended by the Board Advisory Group include age, citizenship status, primary language, race/ethnicity, and distance to health care facilities
- The Policy Committee members approve of the presented data elements. There were no additional elements suggested

**VII. Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O’Hara  
Policy Committee Chair