

Policy Committee Minutes
November 23, 2020
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Kelly Guthner, Danny O’Neil, Emma Oppenheim, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Lisa Sevier, Nina Schwartz, Aron Snyder, and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance.

The October Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The December Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to December 21, 2020.

II. HCPF Update

Staff at the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided an update to the Committee:

- HCPF is reviewing the rules released around Covid-19 updates by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for implementation and appropriate modifications
- HCPF will continue to work with the Exchange to provide clarification on subsidy qualifications to Medicaid members who are currently enrolled due to the Continuous Eligibility Requirement process, but not truly eligible
- When an eligibility review is done at the end of the public health emergency, members who no longer qualify for Medicaid would qualify for a special enrollment period

III. DOI Update

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

- With Anthem no longer having UCHHealth in network, there will no longer be any carriers in the Denver market that have UCHHealth in network.
 - Carriers can still satisfy the network adequacy requirements in the Denver metro area without UCHHealth

- DOI will revisit the network adequacy regulations put in place five years ago for appropriate modification
- As the public health emergency continues, the DOI continues to reissue emergency regulations.

IV. Legislative Session Preview

A preview of the upcoming legislative session was provided by lobbyists RD Sewald, Mariah Cook, and Arlene Miles.

- Special Session
 - Begins November 30, 2020
 - Expected to last three to four days
 - The Governor has laid out seven topics for review including: small business relief, childcare support, housing and direct rental assistance, increasing broadband access specifically for educational purposes, food insecurities, utilities assistance, and a public health response
- New Joint Budget Committee (JBC)
 - Senator Dominick Moreno was elected as the chair of the JBC and Representative Julie McCluskie was elected as the vice-chair
 - The JBC will continue meeting through December for department hearings
- Supreme Court activity on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) hearing
 - The Supreme Court will not come back with a decision on this hearing until late Spring

V. Policy Roadmap

The Committee reviewed a presentation on the proposed Policy Agenda. The presentation outlined guiding principles, future focus framework, administrative burden feedback, and prioritization feedback.

Staff utilized a poll to facilitate a discussion regarding prioritization and level of effort required of each of the categories of feedback for further discussion at the next Policy Committee Meeting.

VI. CoverCO Results

Staff presented an overview of the virtual 2020 CoverCO conference.

CoverCO is an annual conference that brings assisters, brokers, county workers, and anyone who provides enrollment assistance together to help prepare for the Open Enrollment period as well as network together.

VII. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair