

Policy Committee Minutes
January 25, 2021
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Kate Harris (proxy for Mike Conway), Sharon O’Hara, and Marc Reece

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

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

The November Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. HCPF Update

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

- HCPF received a letter from the Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) indicating that they expect the public health emergency (PHE) to continue throughout the 2021 calendar year
 - HHS will give a 60-day notice of when the PHE will end

III. DOI Update

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

- The DOI’s monthly Reinsurance Stakeholder meeting will take place January 27, 2021.
- Rate Filing Regulation 4-2-39 went out for public comment external review last week and comments are due January 27, 2021
- The DOI is working on the following regulations:
 - Emergency Regulation 21-E-02: Concerning Coverage and Reimbursement For COVID-19 Treatment and Vaccines During THE COVID-19 Disaster Emergency
 - Emergency Regulation 21-E-01: Concerning the Health Insurance Affordability Fee Assessment and Collection Process
- As the public health emergency continues, the DOI continues to reissue emergency regulations.

IV. Legislative Update

The legislative session began November 30, 2020, handling small technical bills and swearing members in. They will gavel in for their 120 days on February 16, 2021. A legislative update will be provided at the February Committee Meeting regarding legislation that may impact the Exchange.

V. Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters

Staff presented an update on the notice of benefits and payment parameters for 2022. The presentation provided detail on context and a timeline of the final rule as well as a summary of the proposed, non-final rule. The effective date of March 15, 2021 may be subject to change. Staff will continue to monitor and assess as the new administration enters office.

VI. Policy Roadmap

The Committee reviewed a presentation on the Policy Agenda. The presentation outlined background and problem statements. A survey was sent to the Committee Members asking them to rank the problem statements from highest to lowest priority. Staff facilitated discussion on the results of the survey shown through a pick chart comparing Board priority versus staff level of effort. Staff will begin to formulate tactics for the problem statements to present at a later date.

VII. Public Comment

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova, Broker.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair