

# Biden Administration Updates

Both relief proposals are subject to change. We will keep this group updated as they progress in DC.

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- Both the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee have passed portions of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)- or a third COVID stimulus bill. These Bills will now go to the House Budget Committee where they can be combined.
- Included in these drafts are updates that specifically impact Connect for Health Colorado. These include:
  - Increasing the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) premium tax credits for 2021 and 2022.
  - Temporary modification of limitations on reconciliation of 2020 tax credits for coverage under a qualified health plan.
  - Exchange Grant Program.
  - People who receive unemployment benefits eligible for full premium subsidies under the ACA.
  - Expansion of Medicaid using drug provision.
  - Subsidizing COBRA coverage through the end of September.

# Colorado Legislative Updates

Session Begins on 2/16- This is only speculation about upcoming Bills.

- Colorado's 73<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Session was delayed in 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic.
- The Session gaveled in on February 16<sup>th</sup>
- In his State of the State address, given on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Governor Jared Polis said the focus of this session was going to be on a one time \$1 Billion state stimulus from federal funds.
- With this focus, infrastructure, broadband and one-time advancements would be in his administration's priorities.
- There has been speculation about an upcoming Colorado Public Option plan, but we are unsure of the ramifications of that as Bill text has not been submitted.