

Policy Committee Minutes
May 24, 2021
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon Sharon O’Hara, and Marc Reece

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

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

The April Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. HCPF Update

Staff from the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) provided an update to the Committee:

- Active engagement with counties, community partners, and advocates will begin next month in preparation of the end of the public health emergency (PHE)
- Conversation has begun regarding The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revising unwinding guidance at the end of the PHE
 - The unwinding guidance could allow between six months to a year to unwind from the end of the PHE

Action Item

Staff at Connect for Health Colorado to provide the Committee with updates on work implemented with HCPF regarding the roll-off of individuals as the PHE ends.

III. DOI Update

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

- DOI held a stakeholder meeting on May 13, 2021 in preparation for Affordable Care Act (ACA) rate filing

- Comments for the proposed new Bulletin, B-4.11X, concerning American Rescue Plan Applicability to Colorado State Continuation Requirements are currently being reviewed
- Draft regulations and bulletins for informal public comment can be found [here](#)

IV. Notice of Benefit & Payment Parameters

Staff presented part 2 of the [notice of benefit and payment parameters](#) for 2022. The presentation outlined the Final Rule and additional changes made. Part 2 was published on May 5, 2021 with an effective date of July 6, 2021. Consistent with Executive Order 14009, Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, CMS will propose changes in Spring 2021.

Looking forward, the implementation focus will be operational with a limited technical impact and will have a positive trend on affordability for 2022. An Exchange Program Integrity Rule will be forthcoming.

V. Legislative Update

The Colorado standardized benefit bill ([HB21-1232](#)) has passed out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and is now in Senate appropriation. The Connect for Health Colorado Board has voted to take a support position on HB21-1232. If passed, Connect for Health Colorado will work with DOI for implementation.

The American Jobs Plan (AJP) and the American Families Plan (AFP) are currently under negotiations as bill text has yet to be introduced. Both infrastructure packages were approved to use the Budget Reconciliation Process by the Senate Parliamentarian.

VI. American Rescue Plan Update

Staff presented an [update](#) on the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The presentation highlighted key health insurance provisions of ARP, potential net premiums under ARP, 2021 Enrollment and Redetermination timeline, and DOI regulations and bulletins addressing ARP.

VII. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair