

***Policy & Operations Committee Minutes***  
***August 26, 2024***  
***3:00 PM – 5:00 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Mara Baer, Adam Fox, Emily King, and Robert Ruiz-Moss

**Staff Present:** Ashton Hall, Jessalyn Hampton, Evan Novak, Danny O’Neil, Rachel Peters, Nina Schwartz, and Jeff Strom

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Adam Fox called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The July meeting minutes were approved with one change removing Mara Baer from the present Board Members.

**II. Division of Insurance**

DOI

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided the Committee with a Bulletin Update. There was a revision to the Bulletin regarding Senate Bill 22 (SB22), which gives funding to the Division to perform and actuarial analysis of new health benefit mandates. The submissions are due September 1<sup>st</sup>, so the revision clarifies information needed from the General Assembly members when they make a submission to give the contractors more time to perform the reviews prior to the 2025 session.

There will be a Stakeholder meeting hosted by the Colorado Option Team scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> to collect feedback on the implementation of the Colorado Option program in anticipation of benefit year 2026. The link for the meeting can be found on the public calendar on the website, as well as linked to the Colorado Option website.

**III. Department of Health Care Policy and Financing**

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HIAE) were unable to attend and provided a written update for the Committee.

The latest round of PHE (Public Health Emergency) Unwind data has been posted to the website with a 78% renewal rate in July 2024. Cover all Coloradans is still on schedule for a January 1, 2025 implementation date. There will be a virtual stakeholder meeting hosted with the Colorado Health Institute (CHI) on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) Annual Stakeholder webinar is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 11 a.m. The event will review HCPF major initiatives for fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024, priority initiatives for FY 2024-2025, and PHE unwind insights and opportunities going forward.

**IV. Monthly Operations Update**

Staff presented an operations performance recap for July.

**V. Updated Eligible But Not Enrolled Analysis**

Staff provided an update on the eligible but not enrolled (EBNE) analysis. The follow up of 2024 projections assumes a 400% federal poverty line (FPL) cap to premium tax credit (PTC) eligibility and explores trends over time.

Going forward, staff is partnering with State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) and the Colorado Health Institute (CHI) to review and improve this analysis. Given the data limitations, internal discussions are being conducted to determine the effective ways to leverage this information.

**VI. Prioritizing Strategic Measures**

Staff presented the proposed strategic plan metrics. The four goals include:

- Improve access to coverage to increase enrollments in rural areas of Colorado.
- Maximize the number of consumers who shop and enroll through the health insurance marketplace and apply for available financial assistance.
- Improve the ability of customers to attain and retain coverage based on their health care needs and circumstances.
- Ensure that Connect for Health Colorado remains a healthy and thriving organization.

**VII. Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Fox  
Committee Chair