

Legislation for Potential Board Position

April 14, 2025



HB025-1297: Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Update

- **What the bill does:**

- Allows for an increase of the issuer fee by up to 1% to maintain the current HIAE Programs and for the HIAE to accept gifts, grants, and donations
- Allows funding to be used to support initiatives to keep Coloradans covered
- Updates the flow of funds through the HIAE by updating the HIAE budget “waterfall”

- **Sponsors:** Rep. Brown, Rep. Gilchrist; Sen. Jodeh

- **Next Action:** Passed House Health 9-4, referred to House Finance

HB025-1297: continued

- **Impact to Connect for Health Colorado:**

- Will fund a premium wrap for some subsidized customers on-Exchange if enhanced Premium Tax Credits expire; prevent some loss of enrollment
- Key source of funds for OmniSalud Program
- Funding for reinsurance, affecting premiums in the individual market

- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Mission:**

- Increases affordability of health insurance plans through the Marketplace

- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Strategic Plan:**

- Maximize the number of customers who shop and enroll through the Marketplace; Improve ability of customers to attain and retain health insurance

- **Registered Lobby Positions: Key Support and Opposition (as of 4/14)**

- Consumer advocacy groups in support, providers are supporting or monitoring, and issuers are opposing or amending

- **Staff Recommendation: Support**



HB25-1297: Questions + Vote

HB25-1309: Protect Access to Gender-Affirming Health Care

- **What the bill does:**
 - Codifies gender-affirming health care in statute
 - Requires coverage of medically necessary gender-affirming health care services, as determined by a provider
- **Sponsors:** Reps. Brown and Titone, Sens. Cutter and Gonzales
- **Next Action:** Passed House 39-21, Headed to Senate

HB25-1309, cont.

- **Impact to Connect for Health Colorado:**

- Will help protect access to gender-affirming health care for customers

- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Mission:**

- Increases access, affordability, and choice of coverage for customers needing gender-affirming health care

- **Relation to Connect for Health Colorado's Strategic Plan:**

- Improve the ability of customers to attain and retain coverage based on their health care needs and circumstances, including health equity considerations.
 - Nationally, LGBTQ+ individuals report being in fair/poor health and managing chronic conditions/living with disabilities at higher rates than their non-LGBTQ+ counterparts.
 - In Colorado, approximately 10% of the LGBTQ+ population is uninsured compared to 5% of non-LGBTQ+ individuals.

- **Registered Lobby Positions: Key Support and Opposition (as of 4/14)**

- Advocacy groups in support, providers and issuers monitoring

- **Staff Recommendation: Support**



HB25-1309: Questions + Vote