

***Policy & Operations Committee Minutes***  
***April 28, 2025***  
***3:00 PM – 5:00 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Mara Baer, Adam Fox, and Rob Ruiz-Moss

**Staff Present:** Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, Brian Lidiak, Molly McClurg, Danny O’Neil, Dr. Renata Robinson, 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 March meeting minutes were approved.

**II. DOI Update**

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) reported on upcoming rulemaking hearings, scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE) bill. The two health related regulations that are being heard at the rulemaking hearings include updated Regulation 4-2-40, which is related to rate and form filings for non-Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans, and updated Regulation 10-1-1, which implements Senate Bill (SB) 21-169 addressing unfair discrimination and insurance practices.

**III. HCPF Update**

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) discussed the budget, which included a 1.6% increase across the board for provider rates and a delay in the implementation of community health worker benefits pushing the implementation out to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Cover all Coloradans has surpassed 18,000 enrollees including 13,500 children in Medicaid, 4,000 pregnant and postpartum in Medicaid, and around 1,000 in Child Health Plan Plus (CHP) combining both children and pregnant people.

**IV. Legislative Updates**

- V. House Bill (HB) 25-1297 was recently heard in House Finance, with staff at Connect for Health Colorado testifying, however the Committee only heard testimony and did not take an actual vote yet. Legislative session is scheduled to wrap up on May 7<sup>th</sup>, so more conversations are expected in this Committee following the outcomes. The conversation ended with a discussion on the potential impacts of Federal cuts to Medicaid.

**VI. Assister/Broker Survey**

The Committee reviewed the results of the Assister and Broker surveys. The surveys were distributed to the assistance and broker network with responses collected from January to mid-February. They received just under 200 responses, with 135 from

brokers and 64 from assisters. From the results, the top reasons customer seek assistance from Assisters and Brokers are due to finding the application process confusing, limited health insurance literacy, and inability to complete the application on their own.

**VII. Monthly Operations Update**

Staff presented an operations performance recap for March, with the calls offered and calls handled remaining almost identical to the previous year.

**VIII. Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Fox  
Committee Chair