

Policy & Operations Committee Minutes
January 26, 2025
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, Brian Lidiak, Dr. Renata Robinson, Ilana Rivera, Nina Schwartz, Anneliese Steel, Jeff Strom and Ron Zwerin

I. Welcome & Introductions

Adam Fox called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The November meeting minutes were approved.

II. DOI Update

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) reported no scheduled rulemaking hearings due to the legislative session and mentioned ongoing negotiations for health insurance affordability enterprise bills.

III. HCFP Update

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) presented update on a legislative agenda focused on budget requests and technical changes, including support for Denver Health, efficiency in benefit service delivery through shared services with Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), and updates to medication-assisted treatment in jails. The team also discussed federal compliance updates related to Medicaid rules and rate reviews. HCPF also provided updates on legislative and program changes related to Cover All Coloradans (CAC) discussing enrollment numbers, service utilization, and proposed budget reductions, including sunseting long term services and supports, removing the CAC population from the Affordable Care Act, and implementing a \$750 dental cap. The timeline for these changes is uncertain, with some potentially occurring as early as July and others not until 2027.

IV. OE Insights

Staff presented enrollment trends, noting a 2% decrease in total net submissions compared to 2025, with new customer submissions down 24%. The team highlighted a significant increase in plan cancellations, from 9,000 to 17,000, and mentioned plans to monitor effectuation data and cancellation trends in the coming months.

V. Overview SBM Funding

Staff presented an overview of state-based marketplace (SBM) funding models, highlighting different fee structures and revenue sources. The team discussed the importance of comparing Colorado's marketplace fees with those in other states using a more direct and fair approach.

VI. Product Strategies

Staff discussed future planning for Plan Years 2027 and 2028, emphasizing the need to accommodate federal changes and maintain customer confidence. The team highlighted the importance of stakeholder engagement in identifying priorities and developing solutions for upcoming system improvements.

VII. Monthly Operations Update

Staff presented an operations performance recap for the fourth quarter reporting a strong quarterly performance for the call center and document processing, with plans to release some contractors and begin preparations for next year's open enrollment

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Fox
Committee Chair