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Memorandum

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TO: Members of the Statewide Health Care Review Committee

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SUBJECT: Charge and Membership of the Statewide Health Care Review Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2021 membership of the Statewide Health Care Review Committee, historical background on similar health care review committees, the origin and charge of the committee, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

Historical Background on Similar Health Care Review Committees

In 1998, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council adopted a study resolution creating an interim committee to study emerging trends in Colorado health care and their impacts on consumers during the 1998 interim. The committee was directed to study a variety of issues, including: changes in relationships among health care providers, patients, and payors; restrictions in health care options and the availability of alternative methods of health care; the effect of managed care on timely, cost-effective quality care; and the costs and benefits of mandated health care coverages. In 1999, House Bill 99-1019 replaced the Joint Review Committee for the Medically Indigent, which had existed since 1983, with the Colorado Health Care Task Force. The task force was charged with studying 13 specific health-related issues over five years. The study charge included reviewing issues regarding emerging trends, managed care, and the operation of the medically indigent program. The task force repealed in 2004. In 2005, the Health Care Task Force was created by Senate Bill 05-227. The task force was charged with studying provider reimbursement issues, network adequacy, and other health care issues that affect health insurance in Colorado. The task force repealed in 2010.

Origin and Charge of the Committee

In 2019, the year-round Statewide Health Care Review Committee was created pursuant to Senate Bill 19-015. The committee is authorized to meet two times during each interim, unless additional meetings are authorized by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. Two of the meetings may be field trips.

The committee is charged with studying health care issues that affect Colorado residents throughout the state, including the following:

- emerging trends in Colorado health care and their effects on consumers, providers, and payers;
- the ability of consumers to obtain and keep adequate, affordable health insurance coverage;
- the effect of changes in the way health care is delivered and paid for;
- trends in health care coverage rates for individuals, employees, and employers and in reimbursement rates for health care services;
- access to and availability of federal funds and waivers of federal law;
- innovations in health care and health care coverage;
- health care issues that arise in or are unique to rural areas of the state;
- access to timely and quality health care and emergency and nonemergency medical transportation;
- options for addressing the needs of uninsured and underinsured populations;
- issues related to the health care workforce, including network adequacy and the adequacy of access to providers; and
- any other health care issue affecting Colorado residents that the committee deems necessary to study.

The committee is not authorized to request legislation.

Committee Membership

There are ten members on the Statewide Health Care Review Committee. The ten members are selected from the members of the House Health and Insurance Committee, the House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services Committee, and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The chair of the House Health and Insurance Committee serves as chair of the committee in odd-numbered years and as vice-chair in even-numbered years. The chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee serves as chair in even-numbered years and as vice-chair in odd-numbered years. For the 2021 interim, the following ten legislators were appointed to the committee.

Representative Susan Lontine, Chair

Representative Karen McCormick
Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet
Representative Rod Pelton
Representative Naquetta Ricks
Representative Tonya Van Beber
Representative Mary Young

Senator Rhonda Fields, Vice-Chair

Senator Joann Ginal
Senator Jim Smallwood

Meeting Dates

As of this writing, the committee is planning to hold two meetings in the Capitol Building this fall. The dates have not yet been set.

Committee Staff and Website

Legislative Council committee staff. Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information concerning the committee, please send an e-mail to StatewideHealthComm.ga@state.co.us. You may also contact any of the following individual committee staff members:

- Elizabeth Haskell, Principal Research Analyst, 303-866-6264;
- Ryan Dudley, Research Analyst, 303-866-3687; and
- Max Nardo, Fiscal Analyst, 303-866-4776.

Office of Legislative Legal Services staff. Additionally, attorneys at the Office of Legislative Legal Services provide legal assistance to the committee. For assistance, please contact:

- Kristen Forrestal, Senior Attorney, 303-866-4217.

Website. Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at:

<http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/statewide-health-care-review-committee/2021-regular-session>

Twitter. Committee updates will be also posted on Twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/COLCSCcommittees>