

Division of Insurance Updates

Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee

Commissioner Michael Conway

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Topics for Today's Hearing

- Carrier Requested Rate Increases
- Timeline for Final 2024 Rates
- ACA Section 1332 Waiver Outcome

Individual Market Plans: Requested Rate Increases

Over 300 plans (78 Colorado Option plans, 225 non-Option plans) will be available from 6 insurance companies.

- Carriers *requested* on average a 7.7% increase for Colorado Option plans, which is 30.6% lower than the requested 11.1% increase for non-Option plans.
- The Division reviews the appropriateness of these requests during the rate review process and the final rates may be different than the requested rates.

Individual Market Plans: New and Returning Players

- Select Health will sell individual market plans in 8 of the state's 9 health insurance rating areas.
- Peak Health Alliance will offer plans in 8 counties in Rating Area 9.

Small Group Market: Requested Rate Increases

- 371 plans (30 Colorado Option plans and 341 non-Option plans) will be available from 6 insurance companies.
- Carriers *requested* on average a 9.6% increase to premiums compared to 2023.

Rate Review Timeline

Colorado ACA Individual and Small Group 2024 Plan Year Dates

| Activity | Dates |
|--|---------------------|
| Rate Reduction Notification Due (Colorado Option Plans) | 3/1/23 |
| Form Filings Due | Mid-May |
| Plan Benefit Filings Due (include data on benefits, networks, service areas, drug formularies) | Late May/Early June |
| Rate Filings Due | Mid to Late June |
| Network Adequacy Filings | Late June |
| Rates Approved | Late August |
| DOI Sends Initial Plan Documents to C4HCO | Mid-September |
| Plan Documents Finalized on C4HCO Website | Mid-October |
| Open Enrollment | 11/1/23 |

All dates are subject to change

***FINAL, APPROVED PLANS AND PREMIUMS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN MID-OCTOBER**



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ACA Section 1332 Waiver

ACA Section 1332 allows states to develop innovative approaches to health insurance by changing or waiving parts of the ACA. If a state can reduce the cost of health insurance for its residents and save the federal government money by doing so, the 1332 waiver allows that state to receive those federal savings in the form of “pass-through funding” from the federal government.



2023 Pass-Through Funding Decision

- On August 30, the Departments of HHS and Treasury announced that the Division will receive **\$245 million** in pass-through funding for its health insurance programs.
- Both the Reinsurance and Colorado Option programs reduced premiums for Coloradans.
 - The Colorado Option reduced the second-lowest cost silver plans throughout the state by *an average of 4.7%*.



Use of Pass-Through Funds

- Reinsurance Program
- Subsidies to lower out-of-pocket costs (such as co-pays or coinsurance) for eligible Connect for Health Colorado consumers
- OmniSalud Program

Questions?

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