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# Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of the Statewide Health Care Review Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Statewide Health Care Review Committee Charge Memo

## Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the Statewide Health Care Review Committee (committee). Specifically, the memorandum highlights the historical background on similar health care review committees, the origin and charge of the committee, the 2023 membership 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 existed since 1983, with the Colorado Health Care Task Force. The task force was charged with studying a number of 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 The task force was repealed in 2004.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 The task force was repealed in 2010.

## **Origin and Charge of the Committee**

In 2019, the year-round Statewide Health Care Review Committee was created pursuant to Section 10-16-221, C.R.S. 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. The areas to examine may include, but are not be limited to:

- 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.

The ten legislators appointed to the committee for the 2023 interim are:

### **Representatives**

Representative Lindsey Daugherty, Chair  
Representative Kyle Brown  
Representative Lorena Garcia  
Representative Richard Holtorf  
Representative Sheila Leider  
Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet  
Representative Matt Soper

### **Senators**

Senator Rhonda Fields, Vice Chair  
Senator Joann Ginal  
Senator Perry Will

## Meeting Dates

As of this writing, the committee is planning to hold two meetings in the fall of 2023. The dates and locations have not yet been set.

## Committee Staff and Website

**Committee staff contacts.** 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 email to [StatewideHealthComm.ga@coleg.gov](mailto:StatewideHealthComm.ga@coleg.gov). You may also contact any of the following individual staff members:

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**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/2023-regular-session>