

Bill #	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Fiscal Note	CCHI Position	CCLP Position	Impact	Status
House Bills								
1016	Frangas	Access to Health Care	Expands CoverColorado to include employees who are eligible for health insurance through a MEWA but also have a presumptive condition that would make them eligible for CoverColorado. Requires Boards of Educ. in each school district to provide information about their enrollment in health benefit plans. Expands eligibility for enrollment in CHP+ basic plans			watch		HHS
1021	Frangas	Medication Management	Creates prescription drug information and technical assistance program to provide prescription drug assistance to recipients of benefits under Colorado Medical Assistance Act	FI		Follow		HHS R1/23 APP
1022	Butcher	Rural Health Care Needs	Establishes measures to address health care needs in rural areas, Conducting a study regarding the cost of health care within Pueblo County. Modifying the nursing teacher loan forgiveness pilot program to include only those persons teaching in rural areas, creating a nursing teacher recruitment program, establishing a mobile cancer screening unit, creating a medical equipment grant program for rural communities, creating a family mental health services grant program.	FI				HHS
1023	Stafford	Advanced Practice Nursing Enhancement	Prohibits insurance carriers from discriminating between physician and advanced practice nurse when establishing reimbursement rates for services that could be provided by either	FI		watch		HHS R1/23 AP
1026	Kefalas	Health Insurance in Higher Education	Prohibits state institutions of higher education from requiring health insurance for undergraduate students	FI		Ch cchi		ED
1039	Swalm	Long-term Care Partnerships	Conforms the Long Term Care Insurance Act to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' model act	NFI		Ch		BUS ENG 2/6

1043	Todd	Telemedicine in Home Health Care	Requires HCPF to seek federal authorization for reimbursement and provision of home health care services and home and community based services by home health providers through the use of telemedicine	NFI		Follow		HHS
1057	Stafford	Juvenile Justice Family Advocate Program	Creates 6 demonstration projects for systems of care family advocates for mental health juvenile justice populations. Creates legislative oversight committee for the continuing examination of the treatment of persons with mental illness who are involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.	FI		Follow Ed		JUD R1/25 APP
1058	Solano	Juvenile Justice Mental Health Process	In a juvenile delinquency proceeding, requires the court, prosecution, defense, guardian ad litem, probation officer, parent, or legal guardian to raise the issue of emotional disturbance if one of those parties has reason to believe that the juvenile suffers from emotional disturbance. Directs the court to order assessment. Permits the court to order mental health treatment or services as part of the court's disposition.	FI				JUD R1/25 Con.1/29
1101	Butcher	Pueblo Health Insurance Costs Study	Instructs the division of insurance to conduct a study of factors that drive health insurance costs in the Pueblo area.	FI		Ch		HHS APP
1112	Casso	Parity Health Insurance Coverage Mental Illness	Requires group health benefit plans to provide coverage for mental illness that is at least as extensive as the coverage provided for physical illness and eliminates the ability of small group basic health benefit plans to exclude coverage of mental illness			Passive support		HHS
1121	Butcher	Geographic Location for Rating Insurance	Eliminates the use of geographic locations as a rating factor in the calculation of a premium for a health coverage plan by an insurer authorized to conduct business in CO	NFI		Follow cchi		BUS
1128	Primavera	Health Advisory Committee Patient Safety	Creates a health facilities advisory committee on patient safety in the department of public health and environment to provide policy guidance in developing standards and innovations in health care			cchi		HHS

			facilities to ensure patient safety and quality care. Directs the advisory committee to analyze hospital report cards and make recommendations; issue reports on best practices in patient safety; develop reimbursement policies to reward quality delivery in health care.					
1133	Carroll M	Health Care Worker Patient Safety Info	Prohibits a health care provider from taking disciplinary action against a health care worker if the worker submits a report or complaint in good faith.	NFI		Follow ED		HHS ENG 2/3
1134	Gallegos	Add Vision, Hearing, Dental to Medicaid	Adds hearing and vision services and provision of partial dentures as optional services under CO Medicaid. Specifies minimum services			Passive support Ed		HHS
1144	McFadyen	Colorado False Claims Act		FI		Support Ed		JUD
1183	White	Nursing Facility Reimbursement Study	Extends the feasibility study of a new reimbursement system for class I nursing facilities for an additional year.			follow		HHS
1210	Green	Mandatory Carrier Participation MEWA	Requires all small carriers to offer and underwrite coverage for MEWAs. Requires Basic and Standard plans be offered at same rates charged to small businesses. Extends pilot project until 2010.	NFI				BA
1213	Labuda,	CO Heath Facilities Authority	Revises "CO Health Facilities Authority Act to assist health institutions in the state refund or refinance outstanding debt and to provide additional health facilities. Exempts bonds and notes issued from CO taxes. Eliminates the requirement that a health institution be engaged in financing on behalf of a health facility located in CO if the health institution manages or operates a health facility in CO.			Ed		HHS
1216	Frangas	Enhanced Medicaid Funding	Requires HCPF to pay the amount of prospective patient funding received by the department. Establishes a catastrophic care capital construction grant program. Adds the Univ. of CO hospital as a site eligible to accept Medicaid applications and determine eligibility. Includes adult dental services as a Medicaid benefit. Establishes a rural capital			Elisabeth		HHS APP

			grants program.					
1219	Roberts	Health Care Special Districts	Allows local jurisdictions to hold elections to establish a special taxing district for the purpose of funding health care.			Liz		
1221	Pommer	DPHE Fee Schedule	Allows DPHE to set fees to cover costs of administering and enforcing laws governing health facilities. Makes appropriation to automate process for licensing and oversight of hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.					HHS APP
1224	M. Carroll	Prompt Pay Med Pay and Health Ins. Claims	Requires auto insurers providing medical payments coverage and health insurance carriers to pay, deny, or settle clean claims within a specified period after submission.					BUS
1234	M. Carroll	Public Notice Insurance Rates Increase	Requires the Division of Insurance to post a notice on its web site 30 days in advance of any rate increase for a type II kind of insurance or for reinsurance other than joint reinsurance, life insurance and annuities, sickness and accident insurance, nonprofit hospital and health services, HMO services, and surplus line insurance.					BUS
1253	Madden	Health Coverage Uniformed Services	Prohibits insurance carriers from denying coverage to an individual solely based on that individual's membership in the uniformed services of the U.S.	NFI				BUS
1258	Primavera	Medically Indigent Program Changes	Removes CICIP restriction that moneys be used only for low-income adults, thereby allowing funds to be used for all CICIP enrollees, including children. Requires HCPF to maximize all available federal matching moneys for CHCs to extent allowed under federal law.					HHS
1259	Frangas	CDPHE Licensing Air Ambulance Service	Requires all air ambulance services to be licensed by the CDPHE prior to engaging in air ambulance operations in this state. Allows conditional licenses and revocation of conditional licenses. Allows unlicensed services in particular exigent circumstances.	NFI				HHS
1273	Summers	Medical Care	For the next 3 income tax years, allows individuals to					FIN

		Expenses Reduce Income Tax	subtract expenses for medical care from the individual's federal taxable income the purpose of determining the amount of an individual's state taxable income which is used to determine state income tax liability.					
1274	Rice	Commission for the Visually Impaired	Creates the CO commission for individuals who are blind or visually impaired with DHS. Commission will make recommendations on the provision of vocational rehabilitation services, job placement services, or vocational training; provide independent living services; make recommendations concerning responsibilities for establishing a business enterprise; make recommendations for developing and administering any other program that will further the provision of services to the blind and visually impaired.	FI				HHS
1289	McFadyen	Compounding Drug Pharmacy	Creates a new category of pharmacy registration to include a compounding prescription drug outlet. Authorizes a compounding pharmacy, a hospital pharmacy, and an insurance-operated pharmacy to sell an unlimited amount of compounded drugs.					HHS
Senate Bills								
001	Hagedorn	Generic & Nonpatented Rx Drug Program	Establishes the Colorado Cares Rx program to provide generic and non-patented prescription drugs to eligible persons at discounted prices	FI		Follow		HHS R1/17 APP R1/24 3 1/25 Cncr1/26
002	Sandoval	Medicaid Eligibility Foster Care	Allows persons younger than 21 years of age who were in the foster care system and who attained the age of 18 years or otherwise became emancipated to continue to be eligible for Medicaid.	FI		Support Elis.	Increases access for vulnerable population	HHS APP
004	Shaffer	Early Intervention Services Coordinated Payment	Requires DHS to develop and implement a coordinated system of payments for children for early intervention services from birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities or delays. To use both	FI		Passive support		HHS

			public and private funds and combine Medicaid and CHP+ for the purpose of this program. Requires private insurance to provide coverage for such services after 1/08. Limits existing mandated coverage for congenital and birth abnormalities from age 3 and 6 years.					
009	Tochtrop	Electronic Controlled Prescription Drugs	Requires the department of regulatory agencies to develop an electronic prescription drug monitoring program	CFI		Follow		HHS
010	Tochtrop	Hospital Nurse Staffing Levels	Requires each hospital to develop, implement, file with the dept. of public health and environment, and make available upon request a staffing plan for the hospital that sets forth the minimum number of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and other personnel providing direct patient care required in each patient care unit in the hospital.	FI		Ch cchi		HHS
036	Keller	Mandatory Coverage Mental Disorders ICD9	Expands mandatory health insurance coverage to require coverage for mental disorders as defined in the 9 th revision of the international classification of diseases (ICD9.) Excludes homosexuality and tobacco use disorder as defined in ICD9 from the mandatory coverage.		Support	Support Ch.		SA
049	Isgar	CoverColorado Supplemental Insurance Medicare Eligibility	Authorizes the board of directors of the CoverColorado program to establish one or more supplemental plan designs to be offered to eligible individuals as an individual plan of health coverage designed to supplement reimbursements under Medicare for the eligible individual's hospital, medical, or surgical expenses.	FI				HHS
074	Shaffer	EKG Emergency Network	Creates the emergency access to health information demonstration program to provide certain patient medical information to emergency treatment facilities.	FI				HHS
078	Williams	Restore Mandatory Offer Hospice Care	Restores the mandatory offer of hospice care coverage for basic health benefit plans issued to small groups.	NFI		cchi		HHS

079	Johnson	Standard Health Care Provider Contracts	Requires any person or entity contracting with a health care provider on or after Jan. 1, 2008 to use a standard form contract.			Ed		HHS ENG 2/15 ?
097	Fitzgerald	Allocate Tobacco Settlement Moneys	Allocates tobacco litigation settlement moneys not currently required to be allocated to existing tobacco settlement programs to health-care related programs that, except for CHP+, do not currently receive tobacco litigation settlement moneys.		?			SA
104	Shaffer	Members Blue Ribbon Health Commission	Increases the number of members of the blue ribbon commission for health care reform by allowing the governor to appoint 3 additional citizens of the state at large to serve at the pleasure of the governor.					HHS
116	Mitchell	Audit of Medicaid & CHP+	Directs the state auditor to conduct a performance and financial audit of the state's Medicaid and CHP+ programs. Directs a report by July 1, 2008.					HHS PI 2/9
125	Kopp	Subsequent Injury Major Medical Insurance Fund	Eliminates the tax on premiums paid by employers insuring employers against liability for personal injury or death to their employees that is used to fund the subsequent injury fund and the major medical insurance fund.					SA PI 2/15
130	Boyd	Medical Home for Children	Defines "medical home" as primary care practice that provides continuous, accessible, and comprehensive medical and nonmedical services to a child and his/her family. Instruct HCPF to maximize the number of Medicaid and CHP+ enrolled children with a medical home.					HHS
133	Tapia	HCPF Cash System of Accounting	Requires HCPF to use cash system of accounting for Old Age Pension health and medical case funds, "clawback" provisions of Medicare drug plan, and CHP+					FIN
146	Morse	Veterans Mental Health Services Pilot	Creates a 3 year mental health services pilot program for spouses and dependent children of discharged veterans of operation enduring freedom and operation Iraqi freedom. Authorizes HCPF to purchase mental health services from community mental health centers in the Colorado Springs area.					SA, R2/4 APP

