

Colorado Voices for Coverage 5th Annual Conference
November 28, 2012



Full Steam Ahead: Constructing Colorado's Health Care Future

Agenda

8:30 am – 9: 00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:45 am General Session

Where the Tracks Are Headed: The Post-Election Health Care Landscape in Colorado

Senator Pat Steadman,
Colorado State Senator

Roxane White,
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

10:00 am – 11:00 am Breakouts I

Medicaid: Making Sure Coloradans Do Not Miss the Train
Breakout Room I

Elisabeth Arenales,
Health Care Program Director, Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Carrie Cortiglio,
Deputy Director, Policy and Communications Office

Polly Anderson,
Chief Policy Officer, Colorado Community Health Network

Gretchen McGinnis,
*Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Performance Improvement,
Colorado Access*

This panel of experts on the Medicaid program and the people it serves will provide updates and answer questions about the newest changes to Colorado's Medicaid program. The discussion will include topics such as Colorado's plans for the program's expansions and payment reform to make the program more efficient as well as work better for consumers.

The Colorado Health Benefit Exchange: Reaching the Final Stop
Breakout Room II

Lindy Hinman
Chief Operating Officer, Colorado Health Benefit Exchange
Nathan Wilkes,
Small Business Owner and
Board Member of the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange
George Lyford
Health Care Attorney, Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Bob Semro,
Policy Analyst, The Bell Policy Center

Colorado is building its own health benefit Exchange. This new marketplace will provide individuals, families and small businesses access to affordable health insurance. This panel will provide an update on the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange, where it is in the process of its construction, as well as insights on how it has and can be built to best serve Colorado consumers

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: Mauricio Palacio, Director of the Office of Health Disparities, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Fixing the Engine: The Importance of Improving Health Equity in Colorado

12:15-1:15pm

Lunch

General Session

Small group discussions will be conducted during the lunch break. Each table will be labeled with a particular health-related topic. Please select a topic that interests you!

1:30-2:30

Breakouts II

The Affordable Care Act's Private Market Reforms: Laying the Tracks for 2014
Breakout Room I

Jo Donlin,
Director of External Affairs, Colorado Division of Insurance
Dave Chandra,
Senior Health Policy Analyst, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities
John Barela,
Implementation Manager, Colorado Health Benefits Exchange
Debra Judy,
Policy Director, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

The Affordable Care Act made significant changes to the private insurance marketplace, including elimination of denials for pre-existing conditions, eliminating caps on annual and lifetime limits, and requirements that insurers cover preventive services consumers need. This panel will provide insights on how and when these reforms are being implemented, how this will change our health care system, and ideas for future reforms.

Driving the Train: Changing Perceptions of Medicaid Through Messaging and Stories
Breakout Room II

Cody Belzley,
Director of Health Initiatives, Colorado Children's Campaign
Aubrey Hill,
Health Systems Analyst, Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved
Jaymie Gustafson,
Director, Spitfire Strategies

The Affordable Care Act changes the Medicaid program in many ways, including creating an option for states to expand the program to provide health coverage to lower-income Americans. This panel will discuss lessons learned in creating messaging, as well as gathering stories, about Medicaid to improve public perceptions of the program.

The Passenger Experience: How Navigators Will Help Consumers
Breakout Room III

Adela Flores-Brennan
Navigator Manager, Colorado Health Benefit Exchange
Danny Katz,
State Director, Colorado Progressive Interest Research Group
Melanie Herrera-Bortz,
Co-director, Adelante con Salud

As part of building state health exchanges, the Affordable Care Act envisioned a new health care advocate to assist consumers in making health care choices, health Navigators. Colorado, like many states, is considering how to create a Navigator program for Exchange users. This panel will discuss Colorado's options and the expectations, capacities and needs for a Colorado Navigator program.

2:30 pm

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