

The Evolution of the Colorado Public Option

CSI Impacting the Debate

HB19-1004 Passes

Requires Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and Colorado Division of Insurance to develop public option study.



Anticipating a State Option For Health Care: Will Businesses Face Higher Costs Or Will Quality and Access be Cut



Colorado public-option insurance plan could cost health-care jobs, study argues

"Common Sense Institute sought to examine the impact of what it considered the most likely scenarios for the public-option plan, which was authorized by the Legislature earlier this year."



Colorado officials hold 1st hearing on public health-insurance plan



Colorado officials reveal public option proposal during meeting with hospitals, providers



What's at Stake with the Colorado Public Option?

HB20-1349 Introduced

- Creates a state-run Colorado option plan
- Sets low hospital reimbursement rates
- Enforces hospital participation



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VP of Policy & Research, Chris Brown provides public testimony on HB20-1349



The Colorado Option Plan: Modeling the Impacts of Government Price Controls in Health Care

HB20-1349 Abandoned

Forbes

Colorado Gets A Reprieve From The Public Option. All Americans Should Be So Lucky.

2019

2020

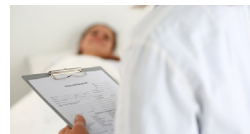
HB21-1232 Initial Draft

- Creates a state authority to administer a public option plan
- Requires nominal premium cuts of 20%
- Forces carriers to participate



Study details impact of public option for health care in CO

"The study by CSI says those concerns include cuts to hospital funding during a global pandemic, increasing costs of insurance premiums, and the state's hospital reimbursement rates."



Third Time Is No Charm



Following the Facts in Colorado's Healthcare Debate

CSI provides public testimony on HB21-1232



CSI on the proposed Public Option in Colorado Video

- 30 sec. research video
- Over 20k impressions



The Revamped Public Option Bill: Still on a Collision Course with Government Rate-setting and Medical Provider Budget Cuts



Democrats abandon the public option — again

"Once-confident Democratic lawmakers again jettisoned their effort to create a state-run public health insurance option in Colorado. And the legislation — advancing to a final vote as soon as today — will only require insurers to offer a standard plan that costs 15% less, not the 20% as originally drafted."

JANUARY 2021

FEBRUARY 2021

MARCH 2021

APRIL 2021

MAY 2021

JUNE 2021

Five Things Lawmakers Should Consider Before the Next Round of the Public Option Debate



Recent Trends in Health Insurance Costs: Early Results of Public Option in Washington State Compared to Colorado



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Colorado lawmakers amend public option bill for health insurance

HB21-1232 Final Bill

- No state authority
- Required premium reduction reduced to 15%
- Adds medical inflation to premium

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