



May 11, 2011 Bill Watch

Bills with CRHC Support:

[HJR11-1018 Recognize Rural Health Care Providers](#)

Sponsors: Massey/ Boyd

Summary: Recognize rural healthcare providers and designate April 29th as Rural Health Day

Fiscal Impact: None

Status: **Passed** House and Senate

[HB11-1323 Exempt Rural Health Clinics CDPHE Licensure](#)

Sponsors: Massey/ Boyd

Summary: Excludes “rural health clinic (RHC)” from the definition of a community clinic, thereby exempting RHCs from state licensure and related requirements. Clarifies a RHC will continue as a general providers under the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: **Passed** House and Senate; House concurred with Senate amendments

[HB11-1281 Health Care Professional Loan Forgiveness](#)

Sponsors: Joshi/ Boyd

Summary: The bill moves the current nursing teacher loan repayment program to the Colorado Health Service Corps. In addition, the bill changes the funding source for the Primary Care office to the second tier of tobacco settlement moneys, as its current source is expiring next year.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: **Passed** House and Senate; Sent to the Governor

[SB11-200 Health Benefit Exchange](#)

Sponsors: Boyd/ Stephens

Summary: Creates the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange as a nonprofit unincorporated entity, governed by a Board of Directors, which will be responsible for appointing an Executive Director, creating operational and financial plans, applying for planning and establishment grants, creating technical advisory groups, considering the Exchange structure and size of the small employer market, and investigating the requirement and waivers needed.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: **Passed** Senate and House with amendments; Senate and House concurred

[SB11-192 Continue Prescription Drug Monitor Program](#)

Sponsors: Aguilar/ Massey

Summary: The bill continues the electronic prescription drug monitoring program until 7.1.2021. It also repeals the currently existing advisory committee.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: **Passed** Senate and House; Senate concurred with House amendments

[SB11-205 APN Participating Provider Status](#)

Sponsors: Tochtrop/ Miklosi

Summary: Current law prohibits health insurance carriers offering health benefit plans in rural areas of the state from discriminating between physicians and advanced practice nurses (APNs) when establishing reimbursement rates for covered services provided, regardless of whether the services are provided by a physician or APN.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: Passed Senate; House Economic and Business Development **postponed indefinitely**

[SCR11-001 Ballot Measures](#)

Sponsors: Shaffer, Spence,.../ Murray, Court,...

Summary: This resolution refers a constitutional amendment to voters at the 2012 general election that changes the process for amending the constitution in the future

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: Passed both houses; **Compromise could not be reached**

[SB11-008 Aligning Children's Medicaid Eligibility](#)

Status: **Signed by the Governor**

[HB11-1019 Exempt School-based Clinics Co-Pay](#)

Status: **Signed by the Governor**

[SB11-063 Health Care in Local Gov Master Plans](#)

Status: **House third reading lost**

Bills CRHC is Monitoring:

[SB11-088](#) [Sunset Review Direct-entry Midwives](#)

Sponsors: Carroll/ Acree

Summary: The bill implements the recommendations set forth by the Department of Regulatory Agencies in its 2010 Sunset Review of the regulation program for direct-entry midwives.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: **Passed Senate and House**; Senate and House voted to concur with amendments

[SB11-168](#) [Colorado Health Care Cooperative](#)

Sponsors: Aguilar/ Kefalas

Summary: Creates the Colorado Health Care Authority with a mission to design the Colorado Health Care Cooperative to be the benefits administrator and payer for health care services.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal impact](#)

Status: Laid over daily in Senate; **Did not complete** process before end of session

[HB11-1273](#) [Health Care Opportunity Patient Empowerment Act](#)

Sponsors: Nikkel/ Kopp

Summary: The bill requires the Executive Directors of the departments of Health Care Policy and Financing, Public Health and Environment, and Labor and Employment, and the Commissioner of Insurance to develop a health care interstate compact that would allow signatory states to opt out of the federal health care reform legislation.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal note](#)

Status: Passed House; Senate Committee on Local Government **postponed indefinitely**

[HB11-1217](#) [Expand Access Health Care](#)

Sponsors: Acree/ Boyd

Summary: This bill expands the CO Health Service Corps, the state loan repayment program, to for-profit and solo practice healthcare providers in federally-designated health professional shortage areas contingent upon a corresponding expansion of the federal government's national loan repayment program.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal impact](#)

Status: **Passed House and Senate**; House and Senate adhered with amendments

[HB11-1242 Medicaid Provider Integration of Service](#)

Sponsors: Ferrandino

Summary: Requires the Dept of Health Care Policy and Financing to review issues that relate to the provision of physical and mental health care services to a patient during the same appointment as part of an integrated system of patient care, and any barriers to that care.

Fiscal Impact: [Fiscal impact](#)

Status: **Passed House and Senate**; House voted to concur with Senate amendments

[SB11-019 Small Employee Health Insurance Payments](#)

Status: **Signed by the Governor**

[SB11-128 Child-only Health Insurance Plans](#)

Status: **Signed by the Governor**

[HB11-1101 Exempt FQHCs State Licensure](#)

Status: **Signed by the Governor**

Budget Balancing Bills:

[SJR11-009 Declare Fiscal Emergency Tobacco Tax](#)

Summary: With passage of the resolution, a portion of tobacco tax revenue would be freed up to patch up fiscal holes in the state's Medicaid program through a provision in Amendment 35.

Status: **Passed Senate and House**

[SB11-219 2011 Transfers for Health Care Services](#)

Summary: Tobacco tax transfers

Status: **Passed Senate and House**; Sent to the Governor

[SB11-209 Long Appropriations Bill](#)

Summary: State budget for FY11-12

Status: **Sent to the Governor**