2019 Legislative Highlights

Bills Affecting People Living With Chronic Disease

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Roadmap

- 2019 Legislative Overview
- Statewide System of Advance Medical Directives Legislation
- Other Healthcare Legislation
  - Affordability (insurance, providers, prescription drugs)
  - Mental and Behavioral Health
  - Misc.
2019 Legislative Themes

- Democrats in control of both chambers and Governor’s office for first time since 2014.
- Polis administration actively engaged in healthcare affordability issues.
SB19-073
Statewide System Of Advance Medical Directives
Concerning a statewide system of advance medical directives.

SESSION: 2019 Regular Session

SUBJECTS: Health Care & Health Insurance, Probate, Trusts, & Fiduciaries

BILL SUMMARY

The bill requires the department of public health and environment (department) to create and administer a statewide electronic system (system) that allows qualified individuals to upload and

- **SB19-073**
  - Extensive stakeholder process
  - Bipartisan effort
  - Passed out of first committee 5-0 on Feb. 6
Statewide System of Advance Medical Directives

- Supporters
  - Alzheimer’s Association
  - Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
  - Healthier Colorado
  - Colorado Hospital Association
  - Colorado Health Care Association
  - Colorado Nurses Association
  - LeadingAge Colorado
  - Quality Health Network

- No opponents.
Affordability

- Polis Administration creates Office of Saving People Money on Health Care
  - Lt. Gov. Primavera will head up the office.
Affordability: Insurance

- **SB19-004**
  - Pilot projects aimed at reducing rural healthcare costs

- **HB19-1004**
  - In-depth study of the possibility of state-run health insurance plan

- **HB19-1168**
  - Reinsurance

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*Image: Colorado Democrats introduce public option health care as they take control of General Assembly*

The first five bills introduced in each chamber largely relate to health care and education costs.
Affordability: Providers

- HB19-1001
  - Hospital price transparency

- HB19-1010
  - Freestanding ED licensure

- HB19-1174 and SB19-134
  - Surprise out-of-network billing
Affordability: Rx Drugs

- SB19-005
  - Import prescription drugs from Canada

- HB19-1131
  - Drug rep inform physician of drug cost

- Other prescription drug price transparency initiatives expected.
Mental and Behavioral Health

- HB19-1044
  - Advanced behavioral health directives
- SB19-010
  - BH programs in schools
- Substance Use bills
  - SB19-079
    - Electronic Prescribing Controlled Substances
  - HB19-1009
    - Housing vouchers for people in recovery
    - Safe Injection Sites?
Other Bills of Interest

• Family Medical Leave Insurance (anticipated)
• HB19-1077
  • Pharmacists dispense prescription drugs in an emergency
• HB19-1145
  • Protect home from medical liens
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Chronic Disease Day at the Capitol