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Introduction

Dear Health Care Leader,

The second regular session of the 71st Colorado General Assembly has come to a close, and Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) is grateful to the members of the General Assembly for their efforts to cooperate and reach compromises for the good of Colorado. The split-party control of the legislature, Republicans in the Senate and Democrats in the House, makes bipartisan support a requirement for any bills to make it to the Governor's desk.

2018 was a good year for Colorado hospitals at the legislature. The session started with the rapid, bipartisan passage of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, which was signed into law only eight days after it was introduced. This would not have been possible without significant leadership on both sides of the aisle and a great deal of interim work. Another example of this cooperation in the legislature is the package of behavioral health bills that CHA helped advance. Following a multi-year stakeholder process, CHA and others were able to find the requisite bipartisan support to expand access to behavioral health services and help address Colorado's opioid crisis.

This session was one of the busiest in recent memory, with 721 pieces of legislation introduced. Of these, CHA engaged in 116 bills across three major themes:

- Prioritizing behavioral health care
- Increasing transparency and affordability of health care
- Expanding coverage and access to care

As you know, 2018 is an election year, and next session will bring a crop of new legislators as well as a new governor. Regardless of the outcome of this fall's elections, hospitals and health systems should be prepared to address demands for increased transparency and affordability, among other issues. As always, CHA and its members will remain proactive in bringing forward initiatives that further our shared commitment to improving health and health care in Colorado.

Sincerely,



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Prioritizing Behavioral Health Care

After years of laying the groundwork for change in the state's behavioral health system, CHA and others were able to garner wide bipartisan support this legislative session for a variety of behavioral health bills aimed at expanding coverage and access to behavioral health services. Additionally, there was wide support for a package of bills designed to tackle Colorado's opioid crisis.

Strengthening Responses to Colorado's Opioid Epidemic



The legislature prioritized improving access to treatment for individuals struggling with addiction. CHA organized a coalition of 30 organizations to help enact legislation — House Bill (HB) 18-1136 — that creates an inpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment benefit in Colorado Medicaid. This bill will significantly improve and integrate behavioral and physical health

across the continuum of care, breaking down treatment barriers for Medicaid enrollees living with a substance use disorder.

The opioid epidemic has gained national attention as states and the federal government grapple with how to decrease the number of individuals struggling with addiction to prescription and illicit opioids. Through the summer and early fall of 2017, an interim study committee of the legislature developed a package of bipartisan bills tackling Colorado's opioid crisis through a multifaceted approach. CHA helped enact two prevention-focused bills seeking to reduce individuals' risk of initial addiction. Senate Bill (SB) 18-022 requires health care prescribers to limit the initial prescription of an opioid narcotic to no more than a seven-day supply of the medication, although it does make allowances for several exceptions. The second bill (HB 18-1003) targets upstream solutions to the opioid crisis by creating an interim study committee, educational grants and expanded educational opportunities for prescribing clinicians.



CHA also supported legislation (HB 18-1007) that will make Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) more accessible by requiring Medicaid and private insurance to approve a five-day supply of a MAT drug without prior authorization and to treat MAT prior authorization requests as urgent.

Finally, CHA monitored a bill — SB 18-040 — in the interim committee's package that would have enacted several "harm reduction" measures concerning opioid and injection drug use. The most significant of these measures would have authorized the creation of a safe injection pilot site and several needle exchanges in Denver. This concept is being tested in other U.S. cities and may be introduced again in a future legislative session. Following significant testimony from community stakeholders on both sides of the issue, the bill failed.

Expanding Access and State Funding for Behavioral Health Care Services



The Association co-led lobbying efforts on two bills that expand access and funding for behavioral health care in Colorado. The first (SB 18-270) establishes a statewide referral program within the Office of Behavioral Health to aid in transitioning high-risk individuals to community-based behavioral health services after receiving treatment in an acute care hospital or withdrawal management facility. This legislation will help hospitals better care for patients with barriers to safe discharge by ensuring they receive a warm handoff and are connected to important community resources. The second bill (HB 18-1357) creates the Office of the Ombudsperson for Behavioral Access to Care within the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), which will be responsible for aiding consumers in finding and receiving behavioral health care in addition to fielding complaints, resolving access and coverage issues and reporting annually to the General Assembly on the status of behavioral health parity in Colorado.

CHA also supported legislation (SB 18-024) that expands the list of behavioral health provider licenses eligible for the state's student loan repayment program if working in an underserved area. Ideally, this will encourage more students to pursue a career in behavioral health and help ease the behavioral health provider shortage in Colorado.

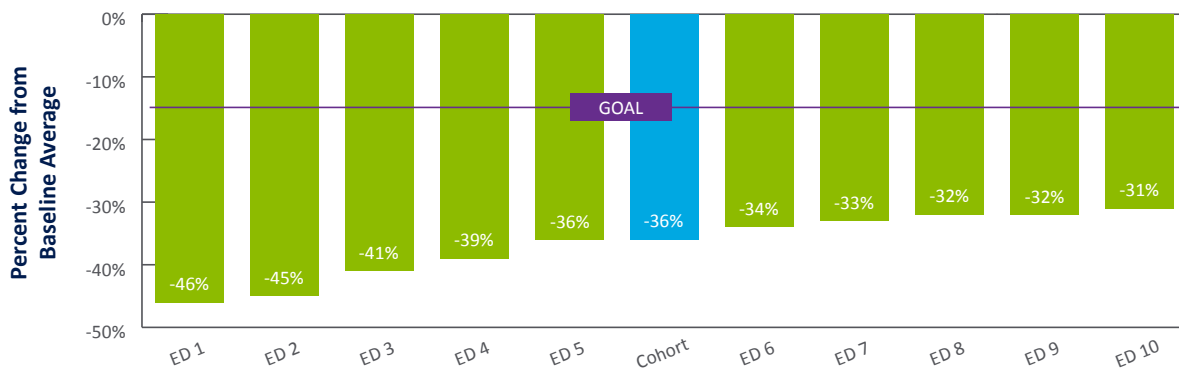
Finally, CHA helped pass key legislation (HB 18-1094) that expands eligible providers and doubles resources for the Children and Youth Mental Health Treatment Act, an important crisis prevention program for youth in Colorado, bringing total state investment to about \$1.2 million annually. These additional resources will lead to greater stability for the program and help facilitate greater mental health access for children and youth.

Colorado ALTO Project

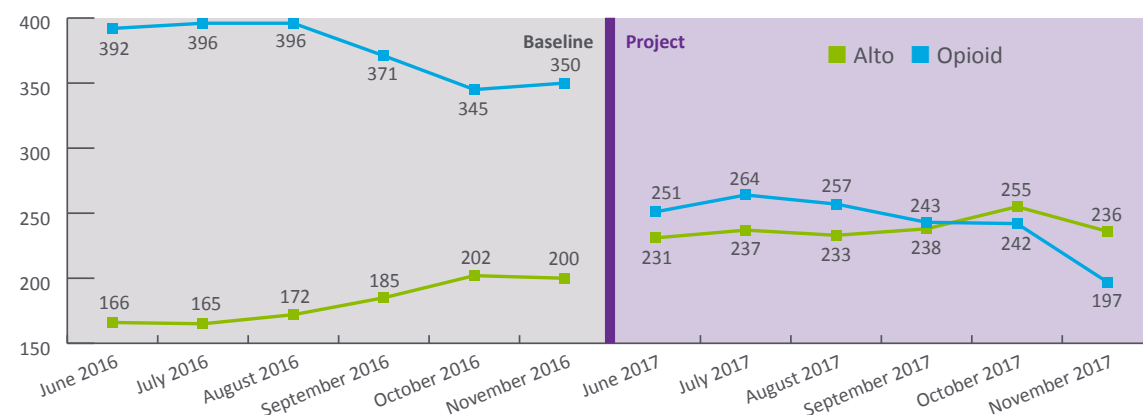
In 2017, CHA and its partners oversaw a six-month pilot program in 10 emergency departments (EDs) across the state with the goal of decreasing the administration of opioids by 15 percent. The pilot locations saw an average 36 percent reduction in the administration of opioids and surpassed the use of opioid prescriptions with the use of alternatives to opioids (ALTOS). Due to this incredible success, CHA has begun rolling out the Colorado ALTO Project statewide. To learn more, visit www.cha.com/ALTO.

ED-Specific Percent Change in Opioid MEU (2016 vs 2017)

Percent Change from Baseline in MEUs per 1,000 ED Visits



Number of Treated Pain Visits per 1,000 ED Visits



Increasing Transparency and Affordability of Health Care

Similar to previous sessions, the General Assembly placed particular emphasis on increasing transparency within the health care industry, resulting in the most comprehensive attempt thus far to address health care costs through numerous pieces of legislation targeting hospitals, providers, pharmacies and health plans. It is widely agreed that meaningful health care price transparency must be addressed; however, meaningful steps to lower costs remain elusive. While CHA remains supportive of efforts to improve transparency that align with the Association's guiding principles, transparency is a means to an end and not the final solution: the goal of transparency is ultimately to give consumers information that can help them to make better-informed decisions regarding their care and, in turn, improve affordability.

CHA Transparency Guiding Principles:

The CHA Board of Trustees has approved guiding principles for transparency that the Association uses to guide its policy work. Efforts to expand transparency of price and care quality should:

- Be accurate and meaningful to consumer decision-making, so that patients can make better and more informed choices about their health care
- Support Colorado's commitment to a "culture of coverage"
- Reflect mutual buy-in and accountability for payers, providers and consumers
- Enable hospitals to provide fair, timely and accurate financial or care quality information to consumers
- Use publicly available data whenever possible
- Be provided to the public in a way that is consumer-friendly

Improving the Affordability of Health Insurance in Colorado



CHA closely tracked several bills aimed at reducing the high cost of health insurance, most of which lacked sufficient support for passage. HB 18-1205 failed but would have created a limited financial assistance program for individuals living in high-cost areas and purchasing coverage from Connect for Health Colorado. Another failed bill (HB 18-1384) directed state agencies to evaluate three options for health care coverage: a Medicaid buy-in option, a public-private partnership option and a cooperative health plan with a private insurer. A third bill (HB 18-1311) would

have created a single statewide geographic rating area and prohibited health insurers from using separate regions for rate-setting purposes. Finally, HB 18-1392 would have required the state to seek a federal waiver to create a reinsurance program in Colorado to reduce claim costs in specific geographic rating areas; however, this bill also failed.

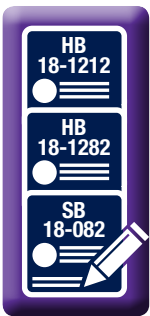
The only bill (SB 18-132) directly addressing health insurance affordability to pass this year requires the Commissioner of Insurance to pursue a federal waiver allowing all Coloradans to purchase catastrophic health insurance plans through Connect for Health Colorado.



Transparency & Regulation of Hospital Business Practices



CHA successfully defeated a series of bills aimed at increasing hospital transparency, but which fell far short of the Association's guiding principles and could have resulted in unintended consequences for the health care industry and consumers. The first bill (HB 18-1207) directed the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to collect and publish hospital financial data that is duplicative of a report CHA and its member hospitals and health systems voluntarily created in the fall of 2017. The second bill (SB 18-155) would have required nonprofit hospitals to report to HCPF on the tax benefits they receive and the community benefits they provide, information HCPF would be required to analyze and publish. CHA opposed this legislation because it would have been duplicative of hospital reporting requirements at the federal level. The final bill (HB 18-1358) would have required health care facilities, providers, insurers and pharmacies to disclose potentially misleading or proprietary contractual information that conflicts with Federal Trade Commission guidance for posting health care price information.

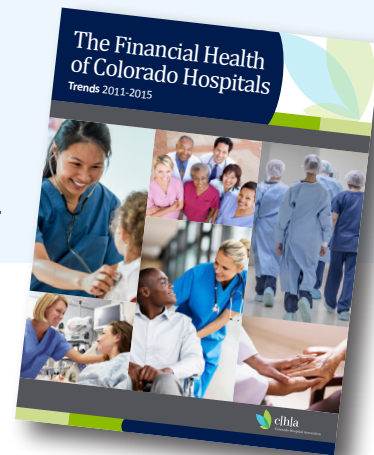


In addition to transparency, legislators targeted specific business practices in an attempt to rein in health care costs, as tensions over costs continue to escalate among policymakers and constituents. After exhaustive attempts to work with the sponsors, CHA opposed and defeated HB 18-1212, which would have created a new health facility licensure category for freestanding emergency departments (FSEDs) in urban areas. While CHA supports the concept of FSED licensure, this bill added excessive reporting requirements that the Association opposed. Similarly, CHA opposed but did not defeat a bill (HB 18-1282) that requires all off-campus providers billing as part of a hospital to obtain a unique National Provider Identifier (NPI) code separate from the main facility. While this will impose a new regulatory burden on providers beginning in 2021, it is reflective of the fact that the legislature is so concerned with addressing health care costs that even small victories were championed in the absence of a more wide-ranging approach.

Finally, CHA monitored a bill (SB 18-082) that carves out physicians treating patients with rare disorders from non-competition agreements that otherwise prohibit physicians from treating former or prospective patients after leaving a group practice.

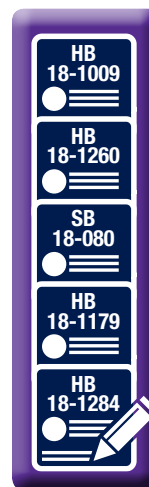
Financial Health of Colorado Hospitals

In October 2017, CHA released the first Financial Health of Colorado Hospitals report as a step towards improving transparency in the health care industry. Using only publicly available data, the report was compiled to provide a comprehensive narrative about the many factors that can influence hospital financials, along with detailed financial information for every hospital in the state. CHA plans to update the report on a biannual basis. To read the full report, visit www.cha.com/financialreport.

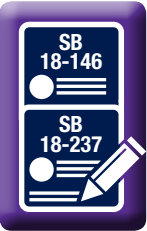


Pharmaceutical Transparency

Improving transparency of the pharmaceutical industry was also top of mind for legislators this session. CHA monitored several highly debated bills that ultimately failed. Collectively, they would have required health insurers and drug manufacturers to report information about coverage, cost and price increases (HB 18-1009, HB 18-1260); require the state to pursue international importation of pharmaceuticals (SB 18-080); and prevent pharmaceutical price gouging (HB 18-1179). In addition, HB 18-1284, which has been signed into law, forbids insurers and pharmacy benefit managers from requiring pharmacies to charge consumers a copayment that exceeds the amount billed to the health plan and disallows the so-called "gag rule" practice of prohibiting or penalizing pharmacists for providing information to a consumer regarding a less expensive alternative to a prescribed drug.



Efforts to Improve Information for Consumers



Efforts to improve provider notices to health care consumers were met with mixed results this session. For the third consecutive year, the Association worked diligently with sponsors and stakeholders to improve patient awareness of costs in FSEDs (SB 18-146).

As passed, the bill will require FSEDs to inform patients of the facility type and their rights. Once an emergency medical condition is stabilized or ruled out, further notices must be provided regarding the insurance plans accepted, chargemaster rates and facility fees.

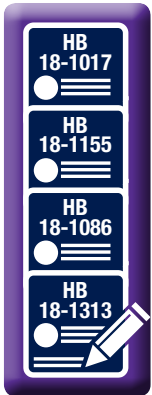
For the fifth year running, attempts to resolve out-of-network “surprise” bills (SB 18-237) failed in the legislature. This year’s bill would have required health insurers, facilities and providers to give disclosures to patients about the costs and coverage of receiving services from an out-of-network provider or facility. The bill also would have also required providers and facilities to refund, with interest, overpayments collected from patients. While the Association opposed the introduced version of the bill, CHA worked in good faith with consumer advocates to amend the bill significantly. However, consensus among all parties was not found, and the bill was ultimately defeated. Similar legislation will likely return in the 2019 legislative session.



Expanding Coverage and Access to Care

Each session typically brings bills impacting patient coverage and care, and this session had a particular focus on improving the state's Medicaid system. CHA was actively involved in advancing these bills, helping to ensure that Coloradans maintain their coverage and access to care. Legislators also took an interest in supporting the health care workforce and securing patient information.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce



The Association tracked five bills that successfully passed through the legislature and will strengthen the health care workforce. CHA supported bills allowing licensed psychologists to practice in multiple states via telepsychology or short-term in-person practice (HB 18-1017) and continuing the state's regulation of physical therapists and therapist assistants (HB 18-1155). CHA monitored another bill (HB 18-1086), which allows community colleges to begin offering

four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. CHA also monitored HB 18-1313, which enables pharmacists to prescribe over-the-counter medications under Medicaid and participate in statewide drug therapy protocols within their scope of practice.

Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact



The first bill signed into law in 2018 was SB 18-027, the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC), a priority bill for CHA. The legislation builds upon the original Nurse Licensure Compact by enabling nurses to

seamlessly practice in person or provide telehealth nursing services to patients located in eNLC states across the country without obtaining additional state licenses. In order to transition to the new compact without any delay in reciprocal licensure privileges from other states, the legislation needed to be passed and signed into law within the first 10 days of the legislative session. With the Association's support, the bill passed with strong bipartisan support and was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on the day before the original compact was set to expire.

Ensuring High Quality, Accessible Care



This year, legislators focused on efforts that aimed to ensure patients can access and afford high quality care. CHA supported a bill (HB 18-1006) that expands the newborn screening process and establishes reporting requirements for hearing loss screenings. CHA also supported a measure (SB 18-050) that will include FSEDs on the list of facilities that can serve as "safe havens" for newborn infants if a parent wishes to surrender custody to the state.



The Association monitored two bills with coverage requirements for health insurers, both of which passed. HB 18-1148 prohibits insurers from requiring so-called "step therapy" before a patient can receive a federally-approved drug for stage four metastatic cancer, as long as the use of the drug is consistent with best practices for treatment of the cancer. As a complement to HB 18-1313 (discussed previously), HB 18-1112 requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for services provided by a pharmacist in health professional shortage areas.



Finally, CHA monitored HB 18-1365, which would have established a primary care payment reform collaborative within Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), tasked with examining medical expenses related to primary care and alternate payment models, convening stakeholders and generating reports. The legislation failed, but similar legislation is expected to return in 2019.

Reforming Colorado's Medicaid Program

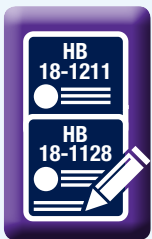


CHA supported two bills that aspire to modernize Colorado Medicaid, both of which passed. The first, SB 18-266 will enable improved cost and quality information-sharing for providers in Medicaid's Accountable Care Collaborative and additionally allows HCPF to implement cost-control strategies to reduce the rate of expenditure growth in the Medicaid program. This will include a prior authorization and continued stay review program for Colorado hospitals,

which will likely be implemented in 2019. In addition, HB 18-1321 will improve "urgent" transportation needs within the existing Medicaid non-emergent medical transportation benefit. This is significant for metro Denver hospitals as it will allow them to select from a list of transportation providers as they work to coordinate rides for their patients.

The Association opposed and successfully defeated SB 18-214, which would have required HCPF to submit a federal waiver imposing work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.

Colorado Attorney General's Priority Bills



CHA closely monitored two bills advanced by the Colorado Office of the Attorney General (AG) that passed this session. One codifies an existing unit in the AG's office first established through Executive Order, creating the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) (HB 18-1211). The bill requires HCPF, CDPHE and managed care organizations to report suspected cases of fraud to the MFCU for investigation and pursuit of criminal and civil proceedings. HB 18-1128 creates new state requirements for consumer data privacy, including imposing new timelines and state penalties for reporting breaches of "personally identifiable information," some of which are more strict than existing federal laws under HIPAA. This law goes into effect in September 2018.

Conclusion

In health care policy, there are few easy fixes, and the most challenging debates often take years – if not decades – to resolve. As such, policymakers at the state and national level often grapple with similar issues year in and year out, often with few results. Thankfully, this year was different. Bipartisan compromise on a number of issues means more support for health care workers and the end to a stalemate over Medicaid coverage for substance use disorders, among other victories.

The Association and its members are proud of the successes the legislature was able to achieve to improve health and health care for all Coloradans in 2018, and CHA looks forward to working with new and returning legislators on game-changing solutions in the coming years as well.



2018 CHA Bill Summary

Bill #	Sponsors	Bill Summary	Position	Final Status & Implementation Date
HB 18-1001 Family Medical Leave Insurance Program	Rep. Winter (D) Rep. Gray (D) Sen. Donovan (D) Sen. Fields (D)	The bill created the Division of Family and Medical Leave Insurance as an enterprise to provide wage-replacement benefits to eligible employees.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1003 Opioid Misuse Prevention	Rep. Pettersen (D) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Jahn (U)	The bill continues the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee for two years.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: May 21, 2018</i>
HB 18-1006 Infant Newborn Screening	Rep. Hamner (D) Rep. Liston (R) Sen. Gardner (R) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill expands newborn screening for genetic and metabolic diseases, increases access to follow-up services and creates a funding source for newborn hearing loss screening.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: July 1, 2018</i>
HB 18-1007 Substance Use Disorder Payment And Coverage	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Singer (D) Sen. Lambert (R) Sen. Jahn (U)	The bill makes several changes to payment and coverage for substance use disorder treatment under private health insurance plans and the state Medicaid program.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Jan. 1, 2019</i>
HB 18-1009 Diabetes Drug Pricing Transparency Act 2018	Rep. Roberts (D) Sen. Donovan (D)	The bill required drug manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, health insurers and pharmacies to submit information on insulin drug costs and price increases to CDPHE.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1012 Vision Care Plans Carriers Eye Care Providers	Rep. J. Becker (R) Rep. Lontine (D) Sen. Lundberg (R) Sen. Aguilar (D)	The bill places certain restrictions on contract provisions that a vision plan provider may place on vision care providers.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1017 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact	Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Sen. Gardner (R) Sen. Fenberg (D)	The bill enters Colorado into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to allow licensed psychologists to practice in multiple states.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1032 Access Medical Records State Emergency Medical Services Patient Care Database	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Thurlow (R) Sen. Fields (D) Sen. Tate (R)	The bill requires CDPHE to make individualized patient information in the Emergency Medical Services Agency Patient Care Database available to health information networks.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1033 Employee Leave To Participate In Elections	Rep. Weissman (D) Sen. Coram (R)	This bill expanded the time employees can take to vote and engage in activities related to voting.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1059 Require 911 Call	Rep. Wilson (R)	The bill made it a crime to not call 911 or use another means to summon emergency assistance if a person knows or should know that someone is in need of emergency assistance.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1068 Eliminate Registered In Naturopathic Doctor Title	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. Landgraf (R) Sen. Crowder (R) Sen. Coram (R)	The bill eliminated the word "registered" in the title used by naturopathic doctors.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1082 A Woman's Right To Accurate Health Care Information	Rep. Saine (R) Sen. Marble (R)	This bill required abortion providers to give certain information to women prior to performing an abortion and created new civil and criminal offenses for noncompliance.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1086 Community College Bachelor Science Degree Nursing	Rep. Buckner (D) Rep. Lundeen (R) Sen. Neville (R) Sen. Aguilar (D)	The bill allows community colleges to offer Bachelor of Science degrees in nursing.	Monitor	Passed Became law without Governor's Signature <i>Implementation Date: March 24, 2018</i>
HB 18-1091 Dementia Diseases And Related Disabilities	Rep. Beckman (R) Rep. Ginal (D) Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Todd (D)	The bill updates terminology concerning dementia diseases and adds persons with dementia diseases and related disabilities to the statewide missing person alert program.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>

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HB 18-1094 Children And Youth Mental Health Treatment Act	Rep. Herod (D) Rep. Wist (R) Sen. Martinez Humenik (R) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill indefinitely extends the Child Mental Health Treatment Act that is set to repeal July 1, 2019, renames the act and makes a number of other changes.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: June 30, 2018</i>
HB 18-1097 Patient Choice Of Pharmacy	Rep. Catlin (R) Rep. Danielson (D) Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Todd (D)	The bill prohibited health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers from taking certain actions that limit or restrict a covered person's ability to select a pharmacy.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1099 Broadband Deployment Level Playing Field	Rep. Catlin (R) Rep. McLachlan (D) Sen. Coram (R)	The bill requires the Broadband Deployment Board to consider new criteria related to speed and cost when telecommunication companies execute a first right of refusal for a competitor's broadband grant application.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1112 Pharmacist Health Care Services Coverage	Rep. J. Becker (R) Rep. Esgar (D) Sen. Crowder (R)	The bill requires health benefit plans to cover, in addition to previous conditions outlined in statute, services provided by pharmacists located within designated health professional shortage areas.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1114 Require License Practice Genetic Counseling	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. Buckner (D) Sen. Todd (D)	The bill required that genetic counselors be licensed in order to practice in Colorado.	Support	Failed
HB 18-1116 Broadband Deployment Board Apply For Federal Funds	Rep. Rankin (R) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill authorizes the Broadband Deployment Board to apply for and allocate federal money to its approved projects.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Jan. 29, 2018</i>
HB 18-1118 Create Health Care Legislative Review Committee	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. Beckman (R) Sen. Aguilar (D) Sen. Crowder (R)	The bill recreated the former health care task force, renamed as the statewide health care review committee, to study health care issues that affect Colorado residents throughout the state.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1120 The Prohibition Of Disemberment Abortions	Rep. Neville (R) Sen. Neville (R) Sen. Marble (R)	This bill prohibited abortions that involve the dismemberment of a fetus and made such a procedure a new misdemeanor offense.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1121 No Funding Trafficking Aborted Human Body Parts	Rep. Leonard (R) Sen. Neville (R) Sen. Marble (R)	The bill prohibited state funding for any institution of higher education that engages in the purchase, sale, harvesting or trafficking of aborted human body parts.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1128 Protections For Consumer Data Privacy	Rep. Wist (R) Rep. Bridges (D) Sen. Lambert (R) Sen. Court (D)	The bill makes changes related to the handling of personally identifying information by governmental and covered entities and requires procedures and notifications if this information is breached.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Sept. 1, 2018</i>
HB 18-1136 Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Rep. Pettersen (D) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Jahn (U)	The bill adds inpatient and residential substance use treatment as a Medicaid benefit.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: June 5, 2018</i>
HB 18-1148 Stage Four Advanced Metastatic Cancer Step Therapy	Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Sen. Crowder (R)	The bill prohibits health insurers from requiring step therapy during the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Jan. 1, 2019</i>
HB 18-1155 Sunset Continue Physical Therapy Board Functions	Rep. Singer (D) Rep. Liston (R) Sen. Martinez Humenik (R)	The bill continues the regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants by the Physical Therapy Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, which is scheduled to repeal on Sept 1, 2018.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Sept. 1, 2018</i>

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HB 18-1177 Youth Suicide Prevention	Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Sen. Fenberg (D) Sen. Coram (R)	The bill enacted several youth suicide prevention initiatives within the CDPHE, increases access to text message based crisis services and made changes to the age of consent for a minor to seek psychotherapy services.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1179 Prohibit Price Gouging On Prescription Drugs	Rep. Salazar (D)	The bill prohibited price gouging by pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers and makes pharmaceutical price gouging a deceptive trade practice.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1180 Mental Health Professional Dismissed Complaint CORA Access	Rep. Melton (D) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill created an exception to Colorado Open Records Law to allow a mental health professional who is a respondent to a dismissed complaint to access the Division of Professions and Occupations or regulatory board's complaint file.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1182 Statewide System For Advance Directives	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. Landgraf (R) Sen. Court (D) Sen. Coram (R)	The bill directed CDPHE to create and administer a statewide electronic system (system) that allows medical professionals and individuals to upload and access advance directives.	Support	Failed
HB 18-1202 Income Tax Credit Leave Of Absence Organ Donation	Rep. Garnett (D) Sen. Gardner (R)	The bill creates an income tax credit for employers who allow paid leave to employees who donate an organ and/or who hire replacement help during an employee's leave of absence for organ donation.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1205 Financial Relief Defray Individual Health Plan Costs	Rep. Roberts (D) Sen. Donovan (D)	The bill created a financial assistance program for individuals and families purchasing health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado in high-cost areas of the state.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1207 Hospital Financial Transparency Measures	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Rankin (R) Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill directed HCPF to create an annual report on uncompensated costs and expenditures made by general hospitals.	Oppose	Failed
HB 18-1211 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit	Rep. Wist (R) Rep. Foote (D) Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Aguilar (D)	The bill establishes the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in statute and defines Medicaid fraud as a crime.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Jan. 1, 2019</i>
HB 18-1212 Freestanding Emergency Departments Licensure	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Landgraf (R) Sen. Kefalas (D)	The bill created a new facility license for freestanding emergency departments and requires such facilities to be licensed by July 1, 2021.	Oppose	Failed
HB 18-1219 Provider Access To Colorado Benefits Management System	Rep. McKean (R) Sen. Jahn (U)	The bill gave PACE providers access to read-only information in CMBS to monitor clients' Medicaid eligibility.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1224 Licensee Discipline Mediation State Agency	Rep. Willett (R) Sen. Gardner (R)	The bill adds a mediation component to professional disciplinary actions initiated by state agencies.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: May 29, 2018</i>
HB 18-1225 Protect Human Life At Conception	Rep. Humphrey (R) Sen. Lundberg (R)	The bill prohibited a licensed physician from performing abortions except in limited circumstances and makes offenses a class 1 felony.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1253 Rule Review Bill	Rep. Lee (D) Rep. Herod (D) Sen. Gardner (R)	The bill postpones the expiration of all state department's rules and regulations adopted between Nov. 1, 2016, and Nov. 1, 2017, with the exception of the rules listed in the bill.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: May 11, 2018</i>
HB 18-1260 Prescription Drug Price Transparency	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. Jackson (D) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill required health insurers and drug manufacturers to report certain information to DORA.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1261 Colorado Arbitration Fairness Act	Rep. Weissman (D) Sen. Kagan (D)	The bill established ethical standards for arbitrators and created procedures for disclosures and disqualifications from arbitrations related to potential conflicts of interest.	Monitor	Failed

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HB 18-1262 Arbitration Services Provider Transparency Act	Rep. Jackson(D) Rep. Roberts (D) Sen. Kagan (D)	The bill required distribution of arbitration case history information from arbitration services providers.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1263 Medical Marijuana Use For Autism And Acute Pain	Rep. Hooton (D) Rep. Melton (D) Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Fenberg (D)	This bill adds Autism Spectrum Disorder to the list of disabling medical conditions for which medical marijuana may be used.	Monitor	Passed Governor Vetoed
HB 18-1265 Sunset Continue Stroke Advisory Board	Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Beckman (R) Sen. Crowder (R)	This bill extends the Stroke Advisory Board indefinitely.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Sept. 1, 2018</i>
HB 18-1279 Electronic Prescribing Controlled Substances	Rep. Esgar (D) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill required health care providers to prescribe controlled substances via electronic prescription, with certain exceptions.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1282 Health Care Provider Unique Identification Per Site Or Service	Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Sias (R) Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Kefalas (D)	The bill requires off-campus locations of a hospital to use a different billing code than the main campus of the hospital.	Oppose	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1284 Disclosure Of Prescription Costs At Pharmacies	Rep. Buckner (D) Rep. Wilson (R) Sen. Martinez Humenik (R) Sen. Kefalas (D)	The bill prohibits health insurance carriers and pharmacy benefit managers from certain practices that increase costs to consumers.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1300 Bachelor Nursing Completion Degree Local District College	Rep. Young (D) Rep. Buck (R) Sen. Marble (R) Sen. Cooke (R)	The bill permits community colleges to offer a bachelor of science completion degree in nursing.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>May 29, 2018</i>
HB 18-1308 Workers' Compensation Out-of-state Workers Temporarily In Colorado	Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D) Rep. J. Becker (R) Sen. Hill (R) Sen. Kagan (D)	The bill establishes an exemption from the state's Workers' Compensation Act for out-of-state employers who have employees working in Colorado temporarily.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>April 30, 2018</i>
HB 18-1311 Single Geographic Rating Area Individual Health Plan	Rep. Rankin (R) Rep. Hamner (D)	The bill prohibited health insurance carriers from using geographic location of a policyholder when setting health insurance rates.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1313 Pharmacists To Serve As Practitioners	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. J. Becker (R) Sen. Aguilar (D) Sen. Priola (R)	The bill clarifies pharmacists' scope of practice in regards to prescribing medication in certain situations.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>June 6, 2018</i>
HB 18-1321 Efficient Administration Medicaid Transportation	Rep. McKean (R) Rep. Arndt (D) Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Martinez Humenik (R)	This bill requires HCPF to create and implement an efficient and cost-effective method to meet urgent transportation needs within the existing Medicaid non-medical transportation benefit.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>May 30, 2018</i>
HB 18-1327 All-payer Health Claims Database	Rep. Young (D) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill allows General Fund moneys to be used to support the All-Payer Health Claims Database and creates a grant program to support organizations using its data.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>April 23, 2018</i>
HB 18-1357 Behavioral Health Care Ombudsperson Parity Reports	Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Sen. Gardner (R) Sen. A. Williams (D)	This bill creates the Office of the Ombudsperson for Behavioral Health Access to Care and requires the Commissioner of Insurance to report annually on insurance carrier compliance with mental health parity requirements.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>

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HB 18-1358 Health Care Charges Billing Required Disclosures	Rep. Foote (D) Rep. Beckman (R) Sen. Lundberg (R) Sen. Aguilar (D)	This bill required health care facilities, health care providers, health insurers and pharmacies to disclose certain rate, price and billing information to consumers.	Oppose	Failed
HB 18-1365 Primary Care Infrastructure Creation	Rep. Ginal (D) Rep. Sias (R) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Moreno (D)	This bill established a primary care payment reform collaborative in the Primary Care Office of CDPHE.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1368 Local Control Of Minimum Wage	Rep. Danielson (D) Rep. Melton (D) Sen. Merrifield (D) Sen. Moreno (D)	This bill permitted a unit of local government to enact laws establishing the minimum wage within its jurisdiction.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1370 Drug Coverage Health Plan	Rep. Esgar (D) Rep. Singer (D) Sen. Jahn (U)	This bill limited the ability of health insurers to modify coverage for prescription drugs after the start of the year for a health plan.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1377 Prohibit Seeking Salary Information Job Applicant	Rep. Coleman (D) Rep. Pettersen (D) Sen. Donovan (D) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill made it a discriminatory or unfair employment practice for an employer to seek salary history information except in certain circumstances.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1378 Equal Pay For Equal Work Act	Rep. Danielson (D) Rep. Buckner (D) Sen. Donovan (D) Sen. Fields (D)	The bill modified the policies related to gender-based pay discrimination in Colorado by creating new standards for employers, requiring the CDLE to enforce these standards and creating a civil action for employees.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1384 Study Health Care Coverage Options	Rep. Roberts (D) Rep. Catlin (R) Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Donovan (D)	The bill required HCPF and DORA to study various options for health care coverage.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1392 State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Rankin (R) Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Donovan (D)	The bill required the Commissioner of Insurance to seek federal approval to establish a reinsurance program to lower health insurance premiums.	Support	Failed
HB 18-1394 Update Colorado Disaster Emergency Act	Rep. Singer (D) Rep. McKean (R) Sen. Kefalas (D) Sen. Cooke (R)	The bill adds definitions and updates emergency management terminology in statute, creates a disaster policy group and continues the Colorado Resiliency Office.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
HB 18-1399 Regulation Of Surgical Smoke	Rep. Buckner (D) Sen. Aguilar (D)	The bill required licensed health facilities to adopt policies on preventing exposure to surgical smoke based on rules established by CDPHE.	Oppose	Failed
HB 18-1411 Employees Working With Vulnerable Persons	Rep. Pabon (D) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill exempts individuals or agencies that undergo a background check for a child care center license from an additional background check to work with vulnerable persons.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>May 24, 2018</i>
HB 18-1417 Protect Constitutional Rights Colorado Residents	Rep. Pabon (D) Rep. Lontine (D)	The bill prohibited local law enforcement from enforcing civil immigration on behalf of the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement without a federal warrant and directed CDHS to develop policies concerning immigration enforcement in public spaces.	Monitor	Failed
HB 18-1418 Use Of Criminal Convictions In Employment	Rep. Weissman (D) Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Kagan (D)	The bill clarifies that criminal history may be used to assess qualifications for employment and the issuance of certain license-related credentials rather than moral character; allows DORA to issue conditional credentials to persons with a criminal history; and requires the collection of data during the sunset review process.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>May 30, 2018, except</i> <i>section 2 takes effect</i> <i>on Nov. 1, 2018</i>

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HB 18-1421 Procurement Process For Major IT Projects	Rep. Rankin (R) Sen. Lambert (R) Sen. Tate (R)	The bill makes changes to the IT procurement process and requires an audit of the procurement process for the human resources information system known as HR Works.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: June 6, 2018</i>
HB 18-1431 Statewide Managed Care System	Rep. Ginal (D) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill repeals, relocates and amends certain provisions of statute related to managed care under the Medicaid program.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: May 29, 2018</i>
HB 18-1433 Naturopathic Doctor Terminology And Disclosure	Rep. Gray (D) Sen. Tate (R) Sen. Coram (R)	This bill removes “registered” from the titles used by naturopathic doctors and requires that certain disclosures be made to patients.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: May 29, 2018</i>
SB 18-002 Financing Rural Broadband Deployment	Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. K. Becker (D) Rep. Duran (D)	The bill phases in additional funding from the High Cost Support Mechanism (HCSM) to support broadband deployment grants, makes changes to the Broadband Deployment Board’s membership and grant application process and repeals the PUC’s oversight of the HCSM on Sept. 1, 2024, following sunset review.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-020 Registered Psychotherapists Auricular Acudetox	Sen. Garcia (D) Rep. Esgar (D)	The bill allows registered psychotherapists to practice auricular acudetox.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-022 Clinical Practice For Opioid Prescribing	Sen. Tate (R) Sen. Aguilar (D) Rep. Pettersen (D) Rep. Kennedy (D)	The bill limits, with certain exceptions, the number of opioid pills prescribed to a seven-day supply with one seven-day refill.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: May 21, 2018</i>
SB 18-023 Promote Off-label Use Pharmaceutical Products	Sen. Martinez Humenik (R) Rep. Ginal (D)	This bill allowed pharmaceutical manufacturers to promote the off-label use of FDA-approved pharmaceutical products.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-024 Expand Access Behavioral Health Care Providers	Sen. Jahn (U) Sen. Tate (R) Rep. Singer (D) Rep. Pettersen (D)	The bill modifies the Colorado Health Services Corps program to expand the availability of behavioral health care providers in designated shortage areas.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: July 1, 2018</i>
SB 18-027 Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact	Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Todd (D) Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D) Rep. McKean (R)	The bill adopts the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact and repeals the existing Nurse Licensure Compact.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Jan. 18, 2018, except section 1 which takes effect July 17, 2018</i>
SB 18-040 Substance Use Disorder Harm Reduction	Sen. Lambert (R) Sen. Jahn (U) Rep. Singer (D)	The bill established a pilot program for a single supervised injection facility in Denver for injection drug users and enacted several other harm reduction measures concerning clean syringe exchange and opiate antagonists.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-050 Free-standing Emergency Facility As Safe Haven	Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. Coleman (D) Rep. Catlin (R)	The bill allows a parent to surrender an infant 72 hours or younger at a community clinic emergency center.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: March 7, 2018</i>
SB 18-053 Primary Offense For No Safety Belt	Sen. Court (D) Rep. Young (D)	The bill made not wearing a seatbelt a primary offense.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-054 Cap Fee Increases Assisted Living Residences	Sen. Crowder (R) Rep. Liston (R)	The bill specifies that assisted living residence licensing fees set by CDPHE cannot increase faster than the inflation rate starting on Aug. 1, 2019.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: March 1, 2018</i>

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SB 18-058 Failure Report Child Abuse Statute Of Limitations	Sen. Fields (D) Rep. Carver (R)	The bill changed the statute of limitations for the failure to report child abuse or neglect.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-065 Add HMOs Life And Health Insurance Protection Association	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D)	The bill added health maintenance organizations to the Colorado Life and Health Protection Association and makes changes to association assessments and fees.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-071 Extend Substance Abuse Trend And Response Task Force	Sen. Jahn (U) Sen. Crowder (R) Rep. Esgar (D)	This bill extends the repeal date of the Substance Abuse and Trend Response Task Force until Sept. 1, 2028.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: April 26, 2018</i>
SB 18-074 Designate Prader-Willi Syndrome Developmental Disability	Sen. Todd (D) Rep. Hansen (D)	This bill amends the definition of intellectual and developmental disability to include Prader-Willi syndrome.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-080 Wholesale Canadian Drug Importation Program	Sen. Aguilar (D) Rep. Lontine (D)	This bill required HCPF to design and implement an importation program for pharmaceutical products from Canada for sale to Colorado consumers.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-081 Emergency Medical Service Providers Licensing	Sen. Garcia (D)	The bill converted the certification of emergency medical service (EMS) providers to licensure.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-082 Physician Noncompete Exemption For Rare Disorder	Sen. Zenzinger (D) Rep. Kennedy (D)	This bill excludes physicians treating patients with rare disorders from non-competition agreements that otherwise prohibit the physician from treating former or prospective patients after leaving a group practice.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: April 2, 2018</i>
SB 18-088 Taxation Of Retail Marijuana Sales	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. K. Becker (D)	The bill provides legal authority for special districts to collect sales taxes on retail marijuana as long as they levied sales taxes on retail marijuana prior to July 1, 2017.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Feb. 22, 2018</i>
SB 18-091 Modernize Behavioral Health Terminology	Sen. Martinez Humenik (R) Rep. Thurlow (R)	The bill conforms statute with the updated behavioral health terminology enacted by Senate Bill 17-242.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-097 Concealed Handgun Carry With No Permit	Sen. Neville (R) Rep. Van Winkle (R)	The bill allowed individuals 21 years or older to carry a concealed handgun without a permit.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-098 Unconstitutional Language Interest On Damages	Sen. Tate (R) Sen. Zenzinger (D) Rep. Hooton (D) Rep. Thurlow (R)	The bill aligns state statute concerning interest on damages with a 1996 Colorado Supreme Court decision.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date: Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-113 Circle Substance Use Disorder Treatment Prog	Sen. Garcia (D) Rep. Esgar (D)	The bill established the Circle Program in statute.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-115 Apply Stark Laws To Medical Referrals Outside Medicaid	Sen. Aguilar (D) Rep. Pettersen (D)	The bill prohibited all health care providers from making referrals for services to entities controlled by the provider or an immediate family member.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-128 Legislative Approval For State Agency Fee Increase	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Liston (R)	The bill required fee increases to be approved by a majority of the Joint Budget Committee and enacted in legislation.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-130 Repeal Carrier Reporting Requirements To Division Of Insurance	Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. McKean (R)	The bill repealed a requirement that health insurance carriers report certain cost data to the DOI.	Oppose	Failed

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SB 18-132 1332 State Waiver Catastrophic Health Plans	Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. Kennedy (D)	The bill requires the Commissioner of Insurance to pursue a federal waiver to allow Coloradans to purchase catastrophic health plans through the state health insurance exchange.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-136 Health Insurance Producer Fees And Fee Disclosure	Sen. Neville (R) Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D) Rep. Sias (R)	The bill allows a health insurance broker to charge a fee for advising a client on the purchase of an individual health benefit plan under certain conditions.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-146 Freestanding Emergency Departments Required Consumer Notices	Sen. Kefalas (D) Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. Sias (R) Rep. Singer (D)	The bill requires FSEDs to provide certain notices to patients about prices and services.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Jan. 1, 2019</i>
SB 18-149 Records Of Denver Health And Hospital Authority	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Gray (D) Rep. Herod (D)	The bill clarifies that while certain documents in custody of Denver Health and Hospital Authority are public records. It also specifies that an electronic medical record system, individual medical records and other medical information are not public records.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-153 Behavioral Health Care Related To Suicide Ideation	Sen. Kefalas (D)	The bill increased the responsibilities of the Office of Suicide Prevention within CDPHE.	Oppose	Failed
SB 18-155 Hospital Community Benefits Reporting Requirements	Sen. Aguilar (D) Rep. Pettersen (D)	The bill required certain hospitals to submit information on benefits received from their tax-exempt status and the community benefits they provide.	Oppose	Failed
SB 18-156 Publish County Financial Reports Online Annually	Sen. Cooke (R) Rep. Kennedy (D)	The bill reduces the frequency in which certain county reports must be published in a newspaper.	Monitor	Passed Became law without Governor's Signature <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Jan. 1, 2019</i>
SB 18-161 Repeal Behavioral Health Transformation Council	Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D) Rep. Landgraf (R)	The bill repeals the Behavioral Health Transformation Council ahead of its original repeal date.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Sept. 1, 2018</i>
SB 18-168 Medication-assisted Treatment Through Pharmacies	Sen. Tate (R)	The bill clarified regulations regarding services and payments for extended-release opioid antagonists.	Support	Failed
SB 18-195 Healthcare Affordability & Sustainability Fee Cash Fund Appropriations	Sen. Moreno (D) Rep. Rankin (R)	The bill requires that moneys in the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund be subject to annual appropriation.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>July 1, 2018</i>
SB 18-214 Request Self-sufficiency Waiver Medicaid Program	Sen. Crowder (R) Rep. Beckman (R)	The bill required HCPF to apply for a waiver that allows the state to issue work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.	Oppose	Failed
SB 18-223 Autopsy Reports Death Of A Minor	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Gray (D) Rep. Carver (R)	The bill mandates that autopsy reports for minors cannot be disclosed by a coroner unless under a specified circumstance.	Monitor	Passed Governor Vetoed
SB 18-234 Human Remains Disposition Sale Businesses	Sen. Coram (R) Sen. Crowder (R) Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D) Rep. Catlin (R)	The bill makes it unlawful or a person to own interest in a funeral establishment or crematory and also a nontransplant tissue bank.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> <i>Aug. 8, 2018</i>
SB 18-236 Least Restrictive Regulation Professions And Occupations	Sen. Neville (R) Rep. Sandridge (R)	The bill created additional requirements that DORA must consider during its sunrise and sunset review process.	Monitor	Failed

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SB 18-237 Out-of-network Providers Carriers Required Notices	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Esgar (D)	The bill required health insurers to cover emergency services as an in-network benefit even if provided at an out-of-network facility.	Oppose	Failed
SB 18-261 Medical Marijuana Condition Opiates Prescribed For	Sen. Marble (R) Rep. Hooton (D) Rep. Ransom (R)	The bill allowed patients to use medical marijuana to treat any conditions a physician might normally prescribe opiates for.	Monitor	Failed
SB 18-263 Pilot Program Court Approval Treatment Medications In Jails	Sen. Martinez Humenik (R) Rep. Singer (D) Rep. Landgraf (R)	The bill created a pilot program for psychiatrists to petition the court to administer medications over the objection of an inmate in a jail.	Support	Failed
SB 18-266 Controlling Medicaid Costs	Sen. Lundberg (R) Rep. Young (D)	The bill requires HCPF to implement new initiatives intended to control Medicaid expenditures.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> May 29, 2018
SB 18-270 Behavioral Health Crisis Transition Referral Program	Sen. Jahn (U) Sen. Neville (R) Rep. Pettersen (D) Rep. Wist (R)	The bill requires CDHS to establish a statewide program to refer high-risk individuals to behavioral health transition services.	Support	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> May 21, 2018
SB 18-272 Crisis And Suicide Prevention Training Grant Program	Sen. Martinez Humenik (R) Sen. Todd (D) Rep. Carver (R) Rep. McLachlan (D)	The bill creates the crisis and suicide prevention training grant program in the CDPHE.	Monitor	Passed Governor Signed <i>Implementation Date:</i> Aug. 8, 2018



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