




2022 Legislative Session Preview


Dec. 15, 2021




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Today's Discussion



- Political context
- Framing the conversation
- CHA development process
- 2022 priority issues



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Political Context



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Environmental Scan




- Redistricting
 - State legislative seats
 - New congressional seat
- 2022 Election
 - State legislative seats
 - Colorado statewide elections
 - Political giving
 - Congressional midterms
- COVID-19
- 2021 Session- most bills ever passed




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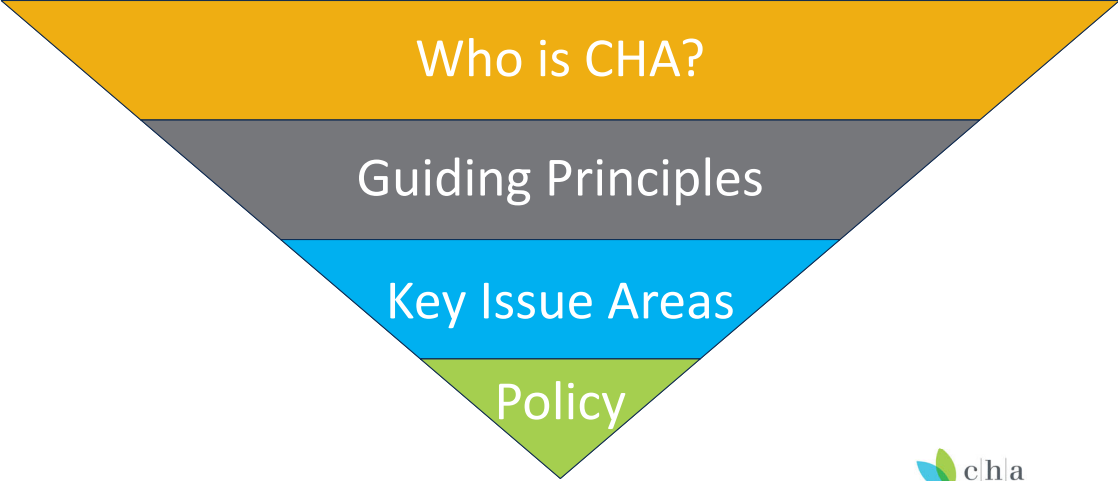
Framing the Conversation



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Framing the Conversation




Who is CHA?

Guiding Principles


Key Issue Areas


Policy




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Who is CHA?







Lead



Protect



Educate




Inform

Mission
Support members' collaborative commitment to advance the health of their communities through affordable, accessible, high-quality health care.


Vision
Members succeeding in achieving optimal health care value in their communities.

Diversity
CHA is committed to achieving equitable health outcomes by eliminating bias and barriers. CHA values different backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints. By promoting diversity among employees and member hospitals, the Association furthers its mission of advancing the health of Colorado communities.




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Guiding Principles: Grounded in the Triple Aim



Enhanced Access

- **Patient Experience:** Right care, right time, right place
- **Equity:** Achieve equitable health outcomes by eliminating bias and barriers
- **Coverage:** Access facilitated through comprehensive health insurance coverage
- **Workforce:**
 - HCW (and their employers) should have flexibility to ensure professionals are working at the top of their training
 - Workplace safety and HCW support is crucial to maintaining access to care




Reduced Cost

- **Value:** Looking at only cost (and not value more comprehensively) is a myopic approach that risks quality of care and access
- **Affordability:**
 - Core tenants are transparency, market-driven solutions, shared responsibility, and accountability
 - Rational regulations and good governance ensure limited resources focused on patient care
- **Sustainability:** Adequate reimbursement rates ensure appropriate access to high quality care


Improved Quality & Outcomes

- Prevention and social determinants: upstream investments (e.g., vaccines) improve health and reduce cost
- Health care decisions should be made by patients and their providers, not by government or bureaucracy




HCW = Health care worker


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CHA Development Process

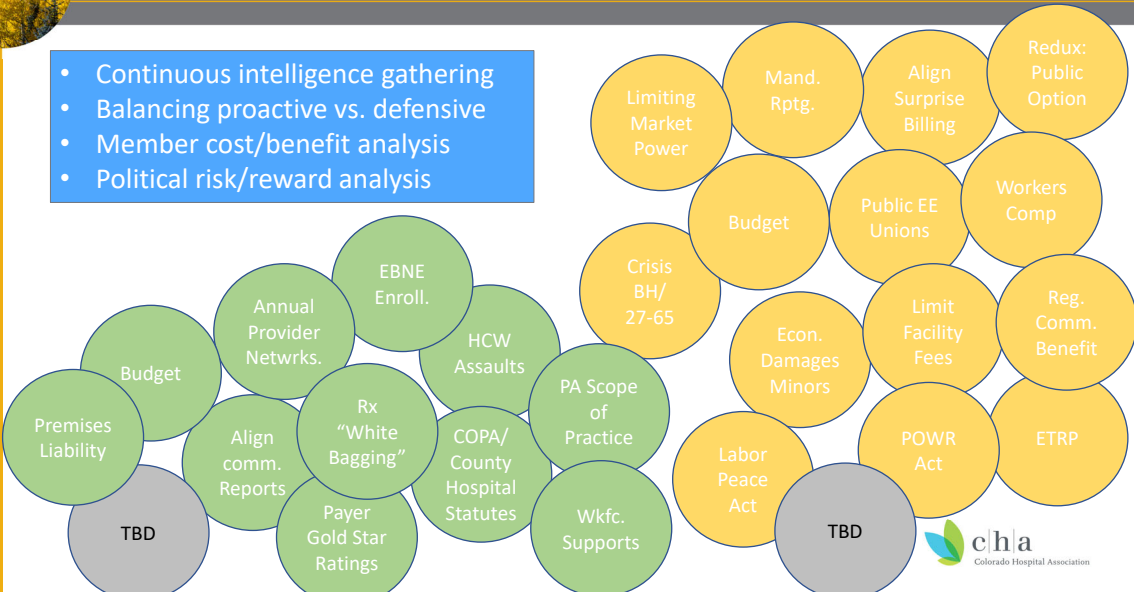


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Working Towards Priorities

- Continuous intelligence gathering
- Balancing proactive vs. defensive
- Member cost/benefit analysis
- Political risk/reward analysis



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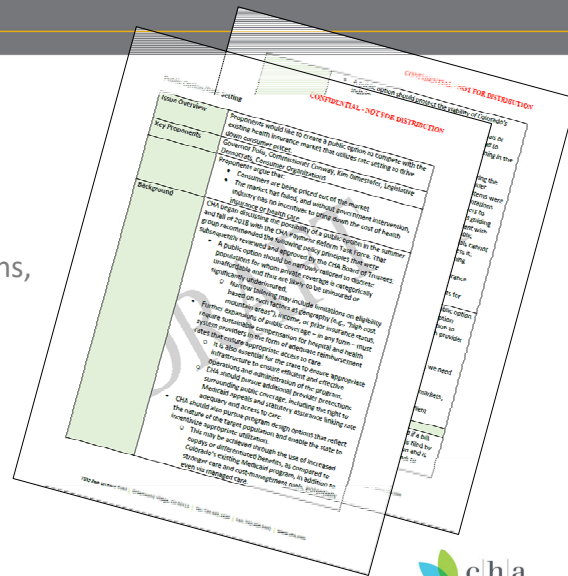
Strategy Maps

Purpose of strategy maps:

- Build common understanding
- Serve as discussion guide to generate feedback, define scope, identify strategic implications, establish priority

Each strategy map includes:

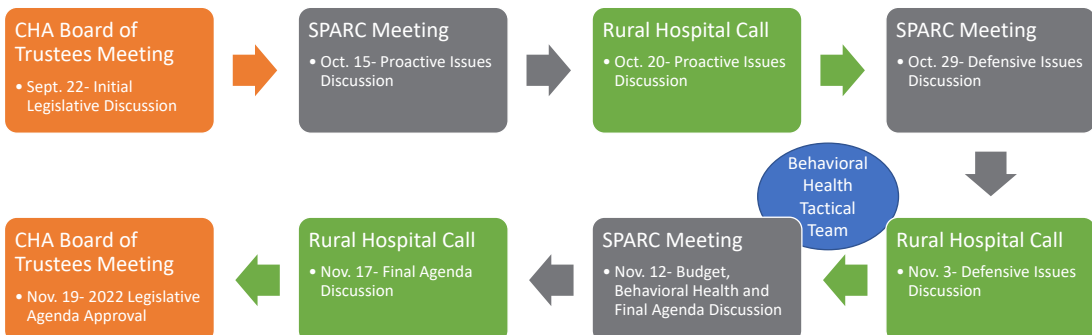
- Issue overview & proponents
- CHA's initial stance (Recommended)
- Benefit & risk analysis




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Legislative Agenda Development



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2022 Priority Issues



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Support the Health Care Workforce



Seek Regulatory Relief




Invest in What Works






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2022 Legislative Session: Priority Issues

Support the Health Care Workforce



Colorado's health care workers are the lifeblood of our health care system. They have been rightfully celebrated for their bravery and their commitment to their communities throughout the pandemic, despite being pushed to the brink.

Many health care workers are leaving their professions, and now is the time to think differently and creatively about how we can support those who have cared for us, and those who will care for us tomorrow.



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Support the Health Care Workforce





Anti-Doxxing: Protect health care workers from threats, intimidation, and harassment that causes irreparable harm.



Workforce Support: Comprehensive workforce package with short, medium and long-term policy and funding proposals focused on crisis response as well as recruitment and retention today and tomorrow.




Labor Peace Act: Ensure Colorado maintains its balanced approach on labor issues that has held for nearly 80 years.

● Proactive priority ● Defensive priority

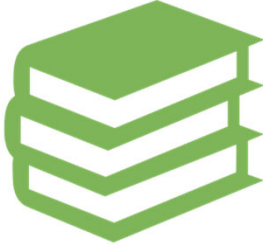


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Seek Regulatory Relief




In recent years, a multitude of large-scale legislative and regulatory reforms were enacted at both the state and federal levels, and that push for change did not slow during the pandemic.

Given the stresses being placed on the health care system during COVID and the lengthy recovery ahead, Colorado should look for opportunities to ease the burden on hospitals and avoid adding additional requirements.

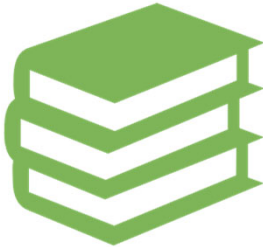


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Surprise Billing: Align state and federal requirements by focusing on simplifying administration, addressing shortfalls in the existing state law, and ensuring consumers benefit from cost savings

Crisis Behavioral Health: Colorado should not increase regulations on behavioral health care provided in emergency departments and instead invest in what works.

Prevent Additional Regulations through the Budget Process: Ensure the budget process is not used as a tool to enact additional regulatory requirements on hospitals, such as through mandatory reporting or payment models.

● Proactive priority ● Defensive priority



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Invest in What Works




Colorado is a leader in pursuing large-scale reforms aimed at transformational change, perhaps at the expense of tried-and-true solutions.

Colorado has a unique opportunity this session to make targeted investments in impactful, evidence-based policies.





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Invest in What Works




-  **Fulfill Promise of Coverage:** Expand outreach and enrollment efforts for individuals who are eligible for subsidized health coverage but are not currently enrolled (EBNE) – over 250,000 Coloradans.
-  **Incentivize Vaccination:** Marginalized communities – including many with Medicaid coverage – continue to have lower rates of vaccination, and the state should increase opportunity and outreach to these populations.
-  **Fund Behavioral Health Community Treatment:** Invest funds allocated to behavioral health (SB 21-137) in solutions that work, specifically community-based treatment.

● Proactive priority ● Defensive priority



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Additional Opportunity Areas

Colorado has a unique opportunity to leverage the infusion of federal resources to address both longstanding issues within the health care system and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Colorado should work to provide additional behavioral health supports for health care workers who continue to care for us.

Colorado should align hospital reporting and community engagement requirements to reduce duplication, support multi-sector collaboration, and better use limited resources.



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Crisis BH
Budget Defense

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