

Advocacy Update

2022 CHA Legislative Agenda

Legislative Session Overview

2022

The Colorado General
Assembly considered **657**
pieces of legislation in 2022



CHA:

- ✓ Tracked **129** bills – **96** passed, **33** failed
- ✓ Testified **26** times in committee hearings

✓ Worked to improve legislation:



- Secured at least **84** substantive and favorable amendments to **13** bills
- Partnered with legislators, the Polis administration, and key stakeholders to achieve key objectives



Supporting the Health Care Workforce

- Ensured mandated **nurse staffing ratios** were NOT included in a hospital staffing bill and largely aligned legislative requirements with existing regulatory nursing requirements
- Secured and supported a **\$61 million** state investment in the health care workforce
- Backed 12 additional bills providing state support for health care workforce **education and licensing** pathways
- Created new **anti-doxing protections** for health care workers



SUPPORTING

Investing in What Works

- Advocated for a **\$10 million** investment in rural hospitals
- Supported bills expanding **health coverage** consumer outreach and actuarial analyses for benefit mandates
- Supported five bills investing **\$243 million** in needed community-based, residential, and acute behavioral health services
- Worked with stakeholders to improve bill to **strengthen behavioral health** care and establish the state's Behavioral Health Administration
- Secured **support for facilities** to discharge behavioral health patients from emergency departments
- Advocated for providers and patients by streamlining commercial insurer and Medicaid **prior authorization** requirements
- Backed efforts to enable greater provider access to Colorado's **All Payer Claims Database**
- Defeated vaccine misinformation bills and applied pressure to invest \$15 million in **COVID-19 vaccine** outreach and administration



INVESTING

Protecting Against Detrimental Regulation

- **Defeated** a funding request for **mandatory alternative payment models** in Medicaid
- **Aligned** hospital requirements for state and federal **"surprise billing" laws**
- **Delayed** implementation of 2021 **charity care law** to provide additional time to come into compliance
- Significantly **scaled back penalties** for noncompliance with the federal hospital pricing transparency law
- Supported a new law limiting **property owner liability**
- **Exempted hospitals** from collective bargaining legislation
- **Amended** governor's proposal on post-COVID hospital **readiness and surge standards**
- **Defeated** bills restricting use of lifesaving **antibacterial and plastics** products
- **Eliminated reporting burden** on drug overdoses, mandatory reporting, and provider credentialing



PROTECTING



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