



2022



# Legislative Report



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Colorado Hospital Association



# Letter from the President

It has been my pleasure to serve as Interim CEO for nearly a year, which now includes participating in a full Colorado legislative session. While I may be new to Colorado politics, I'm certainly familiar with the legislative process and health policy from my time at the American Hospital Association (AHA) and in roles with several other state hospital associations. Colorado has its own personality and approach to legislating, but I also observed many similarities here to my experiences in other states and at the federal advocacy level.

This year, CHA was successful in advancing our three key legislative priorities – supporting the health care workforce, seeking regulatory relief, and investing in what works. We were afforded numerous opportunities to advance policy that will help our hospitals and health systems and to defeat or modify legislation that could have been detrimental. We are especially proud of the workforce package, CHA's largest proactive effort this session, resulting in a historic \$61 million state investment in our workforce.

On the policies where we identified threats for our members, CHA worked as I have seen AHA and other state associations operate to negate those threats – determine the political landscape and likelihood that a bill will pass, understand the political capital needed to amend or defeat a bill, and then work diligently behind the scenes to provide data, suggest alternatives, lobby key legislators, and more. This is critical in a state like Colorado that is so dominantly controlled by a single party. I read recently that Colorado has the [highest rate of bill passage](#) among state general assemblies, a clear sign of that control.

As that strong advocate, CHA was able to defeat, impact, and improve a number of potential onerous proposals, including nurse staffing ratios, hospital visitation requirements, harsh penalties for hospital price transparency compliance, and mandatory alternative payment models, among others. It is a credit to the hard work and collaboration put in by our member hospitals and health systems that we were able to have a significant impact this year. We continue to be our strongest when the hospital community is united in message and action, and it showed this session.

Again, it has been my honor to help CHA over the past year, and I can see that the future of the Association and Colorado's hospitals and health systems is bright. Significant change is undoubtedly on the horizon for health care, but as a united hospital community, I am confident that we will be able to meet the challenges ahead and continue the vital mission of improving the health of Colorado's communities.



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# Introduction

The 2022 legislative session was the most “normal” session since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a typical continuous 120-day duration and no pauses for pandemic-related response or safety measures. With continued Democratic majorities in both chambers and in the governor’s office, many progressive issues rose to the forefront, including labor, reproductive rights, universal preschool, public safety, and climate change. The state legislature also had an influx of \$3.8 billion in federal funds to allocate from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a significant portion of the \$9.7 billion Colorado’s state and local governments and political subdivisions have received in federal COVID-19 relief funds.

For health care, key topics again included affordability, pandemic response, access to care, health equity, and behavioral health. Most importantly this year, concerns about the stability and future of the health care workforce rose to the forefront, and several workforce-related bills passed with bipartisan support.

CHA tracked nearly 20 percent of the bills introduced this year, either because of their potential impact on health care or for their potential influence on hospitals as businesses and employers. The Association worked as a collaborative partner with legislators, key members of the Polis administration, and other stakeholders to influence and improve legislation, securing more than 80 amendments on various bills.

## 2022 Legislative Session by the

# NUMBERS

The General Assembly considered

**657** pieces of legislation in 2022 and passed **78%**

CHA tracked **129** bills (**96** passed and **33** failed):

- 18** behavioral health
- 28** health care workforce
- 29** access to care
- 17** social determinants of health
- 12** health care affordability
- 10** COVID-19 pandemic response
- 15** hospitals as community assets (e.g., employers, service providers, large businesses)



## CHA worked as collaborative partner to improve legislation:



Testified **26** times in committee hearings

Secured **84** substantive and favorable amendments to 13 bills



Partnered with legislators, the Polis administration, and key stakeholders to achieve key objectives





# State Budget

The state's fiscal year 2022-23 budget was up over 12 percent from 2021-22, reaching \$13.72 billion. Lawmakers faced an unusual budgeting cycle, and while state budget forecasters were bullish on the state's revenues, high inflation rates gave the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) pause. As a result, the JBC largely elected to maintain current obligations and opt for one-time spending of the \$3.8 billion in federal ARPA funds to avoid making long-term funding commitments that cannot be maintained.

In partnership with  
CHA member hospitals  
and health systems  
and budget lobbyists,  
CHA's budgetary  
successes included:

1

Achieving a 2 percent provider rate increase for Medicaid providers, totaling **\$153 million** in additional spending.

2

Eliminating mandatory obligations of a Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) request establishing new multi-payer alternative payment models (APMs). Instead, the JBC approved funding to support planning and implementation of APMs impacting primary care and prescribers, and funded HCPF to continue developing – but not implementing – its proposed “Providers of Distinction” program for hospitals ([HCPF R-06](#)).

3

Collaborating with vaccine advocates to achieve a **\$15 million** investment in statewide COVID-19 vaccine outreach and administration.



# Supporting Colorado's Health Care Heroes

The United States faces a national shortage of 3.2 million health care workers. To keep pace with existing shortages, retirements, and those leaving the profession, 200,000 nurses would have to be hired each month across the country. In Colorado, there is a deficit of more than 54,000 health care workers, and the state averages more than 19,000 job openings for RNs every month. On top of that, the impact of more than two years of response to the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a significant toll on the hospital workforce, and as a result, many have decided to retire early, leave health care, take traveler positions, or explore non-hospital-based health care positions. This is why major Colorado hospitals and health systems have committed more than \$1.02 billion in new investments in the existing workforce and to build the health care workforce of the future.

After months of collaboration by a CHA-led coalition and in partnership with the governor's office, CHA introduced and secured a \$61 million investment to support an extensive health care workforce package.

Senate Bill (SB) 22-226 funds programs to:

- ✓ Create a worker retention and resilience program (**\$2 million**)
- ✓ Expand the number of clinical training slots to clear the backlog of students awaiting placement (**\$2 million**)
- ✓ Provide tuition assistance to make entering allied health care professions cost-free (**\$26 million**)
- ✓ Allocate funding to recruit workers who have recently left the field back into health care professions (**\$10 million**)
- ✓ Establish a grant program to recruit and hire school nurses in Colorado public schools (**\$3 million**)
- ✓ Create a statewide data sharing system to better allocate resources and inform decision makers of health care workforce planning initiatives



## Caring for Heroes:

More than

**\$1.02 billion**

in workforce investments like salary increases, student loan assistance, tuition reimbursement, retention bonuses, and child care support, plus countless programs aimed at fostering employee wellness

BANNER HEALTH

**\$58 million**

CENTURA HEALTH

**\$230 million**

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO

**\$103 million**

HEALTHONE

**\$200 million**

SCL, NOW PART OF INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE

**\$150 million**

UCHEALTH

**\$277 million**





# Supporting Colorado's Health Care Heroes

In addition, CHA supported bills that will provide state support for the health care workforce through:



## Increased protections for health care workers and trustees



Expanding existing protections against online harassment (also known as doxing) to cover workers in health care, child protection, code enforcement, and other public workers ([HB 22-1041](#))

### ***SPOTLIGHT ON: Anti-Doxing Legislation***

Online harassment of health workers and direct threats to their health and safety have increased in the wake of COVID-19 and as society moves into a digital-dominant society. [HB 22-1041](#) allows select workers to withhold their personal identifying information from the internet if they are at risk of threats and fear they're vulnerable to harassment.



## New licensing and practice pathways



Including Colorado in an interstate licensure compact for professional counselors ([SB 22-077](#))



Investing \$72 million to support and stabilize the state's behavioral health workforce ([SB 22-181](#))



Enabling individuals with prior work experience to use "stackable" credential pathways for high-need industries ([SB 22-192](#))



Extending and expanding tax credits for health care preceptors in rural and frontier areas ([HB 22-1005](#))



Funding programs to improve cultural responsiveness among health care professionals ([HB 22-1267](#))



## Enhanced state workforce data collection



Enabling analysis of information obtained through health professional licensing to inform state-level decision making ([HB 22-1227](#))



## Expanded education opportunities for current and future health workers



Allowing community colleges to offer BSN degrees ([SB 22-003](#))



Creating a new medical school at the University of Northern Colorado ([SB 22-056](#))



Developing work-based experiential learning opportunities through partnerships between schools and businesses ([SB 22-140](#))



Funding rural-focused health care professional tracks in higher education ([SB 22-172](#))



Funding economic development initiatives to address identified regional workforce needs resulting from or exacerbated by COVID-19 ([HB 22-1350](#))

## Prevented the introduction of mandated nurse staffing ratios

Through long-term work with members, the Colorado Nurses Association, and interested legislators, CHA was able to avoid the introduction of strict, legislatively mandated nurse staffing ratios for hospitals. A bill ([HB 22-1401](#)) ultimately passed, codifying and building upon work done in 2020 through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)'s update to hospital licensing rules (Chapter 4). Throughout the legislative process, CHA was able to address 22 of 25 significant issues identified by members through amendments to that bill, after removing nurse staffing ratios from the bill pre-introduction. These amendments prevented or mitigated the most challenging aspects of operationalizing new requirements related to nurse staffing, including placing constraints on CDPHE authority, aligning with current law, and decreasing proposed reporting and transparency requirements.





# Protecting Against Detrimental Regulation

In Colorado's political climate of Democratic control, many bills are proposed each year expanding government regulation or increasing private organizations' obligations to the state or to the public. This year was no exception, and while significant bills impacting hospitals are detailed below, CHA also succeeded in passing legislation limiting property owner liability ([SB 22-115](#)); exempting Colorado's public hospitals from legislation authorizing collective bargaining among public workers ([SB 22-230](#)); amending legislation restricting hospitals' use of lifesaving sanitization processes ([HB 22-1244](#)); and eliminating hospital reporting burdens on drug overdoses, provider credentialing, and mandatory reporting ([HB 22-1326](#), [SB 22-226](#), [HB 22-1240](#)).

## Aligned out-of-network laws



To address duplicative and conflicting state and federal out-of-network billing procedures, CHA secured alignment of state and federal policies ([HB 22-1284](#)). In 2019, Colorado passed a law creating state-level protections against "surprise billing" ([HB 19-1174](#)), and on Jan. 1, 2022, separate federal requirements from the [No Surprises Act](#) also went into effect, creating duplicative, and at times, conflicting requirements for hospitals. HB 22-1284 aligns these two laws, and CHA successfully secured amendments eliminating state disclosure requirements, syncing up informed consent timelines, and aligning definitions for post-stabilization care and good-faith estimates. CHA also collaborated with the sponsors and the Division of Insurance on language to convene a workgroup and devote resources to ensure providers are being properly paid under state law.

## Delayed implementation of 2021 hospital charity care legislation



CHA secured a three-month delay to the implementation of 2021 legislation regarding hospital charity care requirements, originally slated for full implementation on June 1, 2022. [HB 22-1403](#) moves the deadlines in [HB 21-1198](#) from June 1 to Sept. 1 of this year to give hospitals additional time to come into compliance. During the rulemaking process, CHA made considerable progress to reduce the regulatory burden of implementation of HB 21-1198 and will continue to work with members and HCPF to provide members information concerning implementation.

## Scaled back noncompliance penalties for federal price transparency law



A federal law that took effect Jan. 1, 2021, requires hospitals to make specified pricing information publicly available and posted on their websites. As introduced, [HB 22-1285](#) looked to "add teeth" at the state level to enforce compliance with this federal law by creating significant additional penalties for any hospital out of compliance, even in minor ways. CHA successfully scaled back the impact and penalties in this legislation through substantial work with the bill sponsors and stakeholders. Specifically, CHA obtained amendments:

- Specifying that a private right of action seeking relief from debts owed to the hospital is only available to patients harmed by noncompliance (as opposed to providing the public the ability to file suit);
- Limiting court-imposed penalties to situations where the hospital is found to be materially out of compliance by the court after considering federal compliance guidance in CMS regulations; and,
- Clarifying definitions to ensure that routine hospital billing practices are not covered by the legislation.



# Investing in What Works

As part of the 2022 legislative agenda, the CHA Board of Trustees highlighted “investing in what works” as an area of focus for the Association. That proactive agenda item reflects the fact that when times are difficult, it’s sometimes best to focus on tried and tested solutions to long-term problems rather than reinventing the wheel.



## Improved health coverage and access to care

As a result, CHA supported expanding health coverage ([HB 22-1289](#)); funding a consumer outreach campaign to reach the 265,000 Coloradans that are eligible-but-not-enrolled in public coverage programs ([SB 22-081](#)); and requiring an actuarial review of proposed legislation creating new insurance mandates to better understand the cost-benefit of such proposals ([SB 22-040](#)). In addition, CHA backed efforts to enable greater provider access to Colorado’s All Payer Claims Database ([SB 22-068](#)) and monitored legislation that will streamline prior authorization requirements in both commercial insurance and Medicaid ([SB 22-078](#) and [SB 22-156](#)).

## Continued responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be a defining feature of the work at the capitol. While perspectives on what actions to take varied wildly, proposals generally focused on preparing for the next COVID-19 wave or the next pandemic, based on collective learnings from COVID-19. CHA and its member hospitals, along with other health care and community partners, were instrumental in successfully defeating legislation that would have weakened vaccine mandates by state or local governments or employers ([HB 22-1144](#), [HB 22-1200](#), [HB 22-1201](#)).

CHA was also successful in defeating one of two bills that would have placed significant restrictions on hospitals’ abilities to restrict visitors’ access to patients, putting the health and safety of patients and staff at risk ([HB 22-1199](#)). The fourth bill in three years to address this topic passed after the bill sponsors accepted considerable amendments brought by CHA ([SB 22-053](#)). These amendments aligned state and federal approaches to visitation and still provide hospitals with the ability to limit visitation under specified circumstances.

Finally, in February, Gov. Polis released his “[Roadmap to Moving Forward](#)” as part of the state’s symbolic transition out of the COVID-19 pandemic and into the endemic phase. The roadmap included several high-level recommendations that were addressed by the legislature this session, including securing state stockpiles of essential materials ([HB 22-1352](#)) and ensuring health system readiness for the next surge. The latter was included as part of [HB 22-1401](#) regarding nurse staffing; however, the bill also expands hospital requirements for reporting baseline staffed bed capacity and continuously maintaining a certain level of surge capacity under certain circumstances. CHA was able to secure multiple amendments to ensure hospitals can meet these new standards, including language requiring the state to provide regulatory flexibilities to hospitals and other health care providers that can facilitate expanded hospital capacity and throughput.







# Investing in What Works

## Addressing the behavioral health crisis

As behavioral health needs intensify across Colorado and the nation, addressing the state's behavioral health system has become a perennial issue at the capitol. This year, the General Assembly made significant financial investments to strengthen community-based behavioral health services, to improve patient care, and to tackle the state's own infrastructure charged with managing behavioral health care – the new Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). Legislators made \$450 million in investments based on the [2021 Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force Report](#) and passed a package of 20 bills.



Guided by the principle of ensuring a strong continuum of health care services for all Coloradans, CHA supported five pieces of legislation to invest more than **\$243 million** in measures to strengthen behavioral health services ([HB 22-1281](#), [HB 22-1283](#), [HB 22-1302](#), [HB 22-1303](#), [SB 22-147](#)). Collectively, these bills make significant investments in community services, residential treatment options, and primary care and behavioral health integration. CHA also supported efforts to promote crisis services to students ([HB 22-1052](#)), strengthen the crisis response system ([HB 22-1214](#)), and address conflicts of interest in public behavioral health ([SB 22-106](#)).



CHA also secured more than **30 changes to legislation** reforming Colorado's involuntary commitment law in order to reduce the regulatory burden on hospitals ([HB 22-1256](#)). CHA secured language to remove the private right of action against hospitals, eliminate the requirement that all emergency departments become designated facilities, align certain patient rights with federal standards, provide hospitals support from the BHA for discharge planning, and clarify procedures.



Finally, CHA worked closely with its Behavioral Health Council to **identify and address longstanding issues** regarding care integration and community providers refusing to provide critical behavioral health treatment for patients following discharge from an acute care hospital. This was accomplished in legislation establishing the BHA ([HB 22-1278](#)). CHA supports the establishment of the BHA and will continue to work with HCPF and the newly constituted BHA as implementation moves forward this year.



# Conclusion

The 2022 legislative session should be remembered for its commitment to and investments in the health care workforce. While health care transparency and affordability; access and coverage; and pandemic response continued to be addressed in legislation, the focus undoubtedly shifted to taking care of the workforce that has been through so much over the past two years.

Looking ahead to 2023, there will be notable change at the Colorado capitol, following the 2022 election. Nearly one-quarter of Colorado legislators are term-limited or running for a different office, and Colorado will be contending with new legislative maps following the 2021 redistricting process. There will be many fresh faces in the General Assembly facing a steep learning curve for health care policy. CHA will continue to engage with returning and new legislators to shape their views of health care in Colorado.

In addition, as federal dollars from the COVID-19 response dry up, the issue of the state budget may return to its typical quandary – where to focus limited state dollars when there are many competing priorities including health care, transportation, education, and more. With a continued emphasis on “saving people money,” state leaders may have to find a new balance between spending on key programs and limiting government (and taxpayer-funded) expenses.

CHA has additional tools available for member hospitals and health systems to help explain new laws and regulations, implementation guidelines, and key upcoming deadlines and dates.

Visit [www.cha.com](http://www.cha.com) for more resources.

# 2022 CHA Bill Summary

Bill Number	Sponsors	Bill Summary	Position	Final Status & Implementation Date
<b>SB 22-003</b> Community College Nursing Bachelor Degree Eligibility	Sen. Buckner (D) Sen. Donovan (D) Rep. Mullica (D) Rep. Exum (D)	The bill allows community colleges to offer a bachelor degree in nursing to students who have or who are pursuing a certificate in nursing.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-010</b> Pretrial Diversion For Person With Behavioral Health	Sen. Simpson (R) Sen. Lee (D) Rep. Benavidez (D) Rep. Amabile (D)	The bill expands the scope of the pretrial adult diversion program to identify individuals with behavioral health disorders who committed a low-level offense in order to divert them from the criminal justice system and into community treatment programs.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-027</b> Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Rodriguez (D) Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Rep. Larson (R)	The bill implements performance audit recommendations for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: May 27, 2022
<b>SB 22-038</b> Healthcare Affordability And Sustainability Fee	Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. McKean (R)	Current law prohibits hospitals from including the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability fee as a separate line item in its billing statements. The bill removes this restriction and allows hospitals to show the total amount of the fee as a separate line item on patient billing statements.	Support	FAILED
<b>SB 22-040</b> Actuarial Reviews Health Insurance Mandate Legislation	Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Winter (D) Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Will (R)	The bill creates a process for the actuarial review of proposed legislation that may impose a new health benefit coverage mandate or reduce or eliminate coverage mandated under health benefit plans.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-051</b> Policies To Reduce Emissions From Built Environment	Sen. Hansen (D) Rep. Sirota (D)	The bill exempts air-source heat pumps, ground-source heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, residential energy storage systems, and certain building materials from sales and use taxes. The bill also creates refundable income tax credits for the purchase of the above heat pump and residential energy storage systems.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-052</b> Medical Assistance Income Eligibility Requirements	Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D) Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. Mullica (D) Rep. Bradfield (R)	The bill aligns state income eligibility requirements with federal law for children and pregnant women under the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and Medicaid programs.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: March 24, 2022
<b>SB 22-053</b> Health Facility Visitation During Pandemic	Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. McLachlan (D) Rep. Geitner (R)	The bill requires hospitals, nursing care facilities and assisted living residences to allow their patients and residents to have at least one visitor of their choosing.	Oppose	PASSED Effective Date: June 8, 2022
<b>SB 22-056</b> UNC Osteopathic Medicine Degrees	Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Sen. Garcia (D) Rep. Young (D) Rep. Will (R)	The bill allows the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) to offer specialized degree programs in osteopathic medicine and creates an exception to the University of Colorado's exclusive authority in medicine to permit the UNC osteopathic medicine degrees.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022



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<b>SB 22-058</b> Dental Hygienists Peer Health Assistance Program	Sen. Simpson (R) Rep. McCormick (D)	The bill creates the Dental Hygienist Peer Health Assistance Program to assist dental hygienists with any physical, emotional, and psychological programs, to be administered by a third-party.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-061</b> Office Of Saving People Money On Health Care In SMART State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government Act	Sen. Hisey (R) Rep. Pico (R)	The Office of Saving People Money on Health Care (OSPMHC) was created by Executive Order B 2019 003. The bill requires that the OSPMHC comply with the SMART Act requirements for developing and reporting on its performance plan.	Support	FAILED
<b>SB 22-068</b> Provider Tool To View All-payer Claims Database	Sen. Rodriguez (D) Sen. Kolker (D) Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Woog (R)	The bill requires the All-Payer Claims Database administrator to implement a tool to facilitate the review of certain health claims reimbursement data, for three years of data, that are included in the database, and update the tool annually subject to available appropriations.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 27, 2022
<b>SB 22-077</b> Interstate Licensed Professional Counselor Compact	Sen. Ginal (D) Sen. Woodward (R) Rep. Larson (R) Rep. Young (D)	The bill permits Colorado to enter into the interstate licensed professional counselor compact. The compact would allow licensed professional counselors who hold a Colorado license or another participating state's license to practice in any state participating in the compact, also called privilege to practice.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-078</b> Prior Authorization Exemption Health-care Provider	Sen. Kirkmeyer (R) Sen. Ginal (D) Rep. Geitner (R) Rep. Bird (D)	Under current law, an insurance carrier or private utilization review organization may offer a provider with at least an 80 percent approval rate of prior authorization approvals, an exemption from prior authorization requirements. This bill requires the provision of an alternative to prior authorization, and redefines the requirements of a qualified provider.	Support	FAILED
<b>SB 22-079</b> Dementia Training Requirements Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Rules	Sen. Kolker (D) Sen. Ginal (D) Rep. Young (D) Rep. McLachlan (D)	The bill requires CDPHE, with regard to nursing care facilities and assisted living residences, and the Medical Services Board in HCPF, with regard to adult day care facilities, to adopt rules requiring these facilities to provide dementia training for staff providing direct-care services to clients and residents of the facilities.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022

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<b>SB 22-081</b> Health Exchange Education Campaign Health-care Services	Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Donovan (D) Rep. Tipper (D) Rep. Will (R)	The bill requires that the Board of the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange create and implement a public awareness and education campaign to inform consumers about health care coverage options. The campaign will provide education focused on attaining and retaining coverage, as well as eligibility, including efforts to improve health literacy and assist individuals who lose minimum coverage.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-082</b> Geographical Area Hazardous Air Pollution Rule	Sen. Donovan (D)	The bill requires the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) within CDPHE to analyze hazardous air pollution (HAP) data published by the EPA and to identify and map geographic areas where HAPs have the greatest potential for causing chronic human health effects.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>SB 22-097</b> Whistleblower Protection Health & Safety	Sen. Pettersen (D) Sen. Rodriguez (D) Rep. Herod (D) Rep. Sullivan (D)	The bill expands protections for workers who report concerns about health and safety, or violations of health and safety rules, to their employers. Current law only protects retaliation against reports related to a public health emergency. This bill expands protections to cover all reports of threats to, or violations of, health and safety.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: May 31, 2022
<b>SB 22-098</b> Program Allowing Redispensing Of Unused Drugs	Sen. Rodriguez (D) Rep. Roberts (D) Rep. Will (R)	The bill creates the Drug Repository Task Force in CDPHE to examine existing drug repository program models, and determine how to implement an efficient and effective drug repository program.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: June 8, 2022
<b>SB 22-099</b> Sealing Criminal Records	Sen. Hisey (R) Sen. Rodriguez (D) Rep. Tipper (D) Rep. Larson (R)	The bill automatically seals records that are eligible to be sealed under current law, and excludes the use of sealed records in consumer reports.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-106</b> Conflict Of Interest In Public Behavioral Health	Sen. Kolker (D) Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Rep. Rich (R)	The bill requires HCPF and DHS to require managed care entities, administrative service organizations, and managed care organizations that have 25 percent or more ownership by providers of behavioral health services to comply with specified conflict of interest policies to promote transparency and accountability.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 20, 2022
<b>SB 22-109</b> Prohibit Labor Actions Against Public Employers	Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Pico (R)	The bill prohibits all public employees and employee organizations from direct or indirect involvement in a labor action and creates a legal remedy.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>SB 22-111</b> Infection Prevention Grants To Nursing Facilities	Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill expands eligibility for the Nursing Home Innovation Grant Program to include projects focused on infection prevention and control, including educational support, workforce support, and physical enhancements. The bill also requires the creation of an abbreviated application process, approval timeline, and reporting mechanism for these projects.	Monitor	FAILED

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<b>SB 22-115</b> Clarifying Terms Related To Landowner Liability	Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D) Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. Soper (R) Rep. Tipper (D)	The bill clarifies terms related to landowner liability and declares that the Colorado Court of Appeals and Supreme Court decisions in Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood, Inc. v. Wagner should not be relied upon concerning certain cases of third-party criminal activity.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: April 7, 2022
<b>SB 22-116</b> Increase Occupational Credential Portability	Sen. Holbert (R) Sen. Pettersen (D) Rep. Van Winkle (R) Rep. Bird (D)	Under current law, the Division of Professions and Occupations in DORA administers the Occupational Credential Portability Program to allow applicants credentialed in other states to work in Colorado. The bill removes the requirement that applicants prove their substantial equivalent experience or credentials.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-125</b> Allow Rural Public Health-care Entity Cooperation	Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. Will (R)	The bill authorizes a public hospital board of trustees or a board of a health services district in rural areas to engage its respective county public hospital or affiliate, or health service district or affiliate, in certain activities that might be characterized as anticompetitive, result in a monopoly, or displace competition, including joint ventures, joint purchasing arrangements, and leases.	Support	FAILED
<b>SB 22-131</b> Protect Health Of Pollinators And People	Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D) Sen. Priola (R) Rep. Kipp (D) Rep. Froelich (D)	The bill restricts the use of pesticides on the grounds of schools, preschool programs, child care centers, and children's resident camps, and requires notifications when pesticides are applied. It requires the Department of Natural Resources to study pollinator decline in the state, and creates a pilot grant program in the Department of Agriculture to test noncoated seed-applied systemic insecticides on crops.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>SB 22-140</b> Expansion Of Experiential Learning Opportunities	Sen. Coleman (D) Sen. Gardner (R) Rep. McLachlan (D) Rep. Amabile (D)	The bill requires multiple state agencies to support work-based experiential learning opportunities through programs that partner with businesses and colleges in Colorado.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 3, 2022
<b>SB 22-146</b> Middle Income Access Program Expansion	Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Hisey (R) Rep. Snyder (D) Rep. Catlin (R)	The bill requires the General Assembly to appropriate \$25 million to the Division of Housing in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to expand the Middle Income Housing Access Program. DOLA must contract with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to administer the funds.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 16, 2022
<b>SB 22-147</b> Behavioral Health-care Services For Children	Sen. Kolker (D) Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. Young (D) Rep. Pelton (R)	The bill creates the Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation and Access Program (CoPPCAP) in the University of Colorado to support primary care providers in identifying and treating mild to moderate behavioral health conditions in children in primary care practices or school-based health centers. The bill requires appropriations of \$4.6 million to CoPPCAP, \$5 million to the Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program, and \$1.5 million to the School-based Health Center Grant Program.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 17, 2022



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<b>SB 22-156</b> Medicaid Prior Authorization And Recovery Of Payment	Sen. Kolker (D) Sen. Fenberg (D) Rep. Amabile (D) Rep. Young (D)	The bill prohibits prepaid inpatient health plans from requiring prior reauthorizations for certain services and from certain payment recoveries.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2023
<b>SB 22-162</b> Administration Organization Act Modernization	Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Kirkmeyer (R) Rep. Woodrow (D) Rep. Lynch (R)	The Administration Organization Act of 1968 defines state government entities as Type 1 or Type 2, and specifies how powers and duties are transferred when an entity moves from one department to another. The bill simplifies language in these definitions, eliminates the archaic Type 3 transfer, and makes conforming amendments throughout statute for clarity.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-172</b> Colorado Rural Health-care Workforce Initiative	Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Rankin (R) Rep. Roberts (D) Rep. Rich (R)	The bill establishes the Colorado Rural Health-Care Workforce Initiative to expand the number of health care professionals practicing in rural or frontier counties. The bill permits an institution of higher education to establish a health-care professional rural track, or expand an existing rural track, within specified health care degree programs at the schools. The bill specifies required components of a rural track program, including outreach campaigns, scholarships, didactic curriculum, and clinical experience.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 1, 2022
<b>SB 22-177</b> Investments In Care Coordination Infrastructure	Sen. Pettersen (D) Sen. Rankin (R) Rep. Titone (D) Rep. Bradfield (R)	The bill requires the Behavioral Health Administration to make certain investments as it develops the statewide care coordination infrastructure, and requires the infrastructure to include a cloud-based platform.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: May 25, 2022
<b>SB 22-181</b> Behavioral Health-care Workforce	Sen. Bridges (D) Sen. Simpson (R) Rep. Cutter (D) Rep. Van Beber (R)	The bill requires the Behavioral Health Administration to collaborate with multiple state agencies to create and implement a plan to improve the behavioral health care workforce, and appropriates funding for the Health Service Corps for student loan repayment.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 8, 2022
<b>SB 22-182</b> Economic Mobility Program	Sen. Hansen (D) Sen. Coram (R) Rep. Daugherty (D) Rep. Young (D)	The bill creates the economic mobility program within CDPHE, creates the Economic Mobility Program Fund, and transfers \$4 million to the fund from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 3, 2022
<b>SB 22-189</b> Colorado Geriatric Provider Pipeline Program	Sen. Danielson (D) Sen. Pettersen (D) Rep. Duran (D) Rep. Titone (D)	The bill creates the Colorado Multidisciplinary Geriatric Provider Pipeline Program and the Geriatric Training Executive Advisory Committee to coordinate and expand geriatric training opportunities for clinical graduate students at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>SB 22-192</b> Opportunities For Credential Attainment	Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Simpson (R) Rep. Esgar (D) Rep. Catlin (R)	The bill requires the development of stackable credential pathways, and provides funding for the adult education and literacy grant program in the Colorado Department of Education and nondegree credential programs at community colleges, technical colleges, and local district colleges.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 26, 2022

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<b>SB 22-200</b> Rural Provider Stimulus Grant Program	Sen. Ginal (D) Sen. Rankin (R) Rep. Soper (R) Rep. McCluskie (D)	The bill creates the Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program and associated advisory committee and cash fund in HCPF.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 1, 2022
<b>SB 22-210</b> License Supplemental Health-care Staffing Agencies	Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Cooke (R) Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Soper (R)	The bill requires CDPHE to license supplemental health-care staffing agencies that employ nurses, nurse aids, physical and occupational therapists, physical therapists, and occupational therapy assistants.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>SB 22-211</b> Repurpose The Ridge View Campus	Sen. Fields (D) Sen. Hinrichsen (D) Rep. A. Valdez (D)	The bill repurposes the Ridge View Campus to provide temporary housing and other services to individuals experiencing homelessness.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 31, 2022
<b>SB 22-213</b> Child Care Support Programs	Sen. Fields (D) Sen. Sonnenberg (R) Rep. A. Valdez (D) Rep. Tipper (D)	The bill provides funding for a variety of early childhood programs and creates an advisory group and training program for family, friend, and neighbor providers.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 3, 2022
<b>SB 22-219</b> Regulate Dental Therapists	Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Smallwood (R) Rep. Duran (D) Rep. McLachlan (D)	The bill requires dental therapists to be licensed by the Colorado Dental Board in DORA beginning Jan. 1, 2023. The bill outlines requirements for dental therapists including education, examination, supervision, professional liability insurance, and mandatory reporting of child abuse requirements.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2023
<b>SB 22-225</b> Ambulance Service Sustainability And State Licensing	Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Liston (R) Rep. Roberts (D) Rep. Baisley (R)	The bill requires ambulance operators to be licensed by CDPHE after July 1, 2024, and creates the Emergency Medical Services System Sustainability Task Force to make recommendations regarding the regulatory structure for ambulance services.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 1, 2022, except Sections 5-14, which take effect July 1, 2024
<b>SB 22-226</b> Programs to Support Health-care Workforce	Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D) Sen. Rankin (R) Rep. Mullica (D)	For FY 2022-23, the bill requires appropriations totaling \$61 million for programs supporting the education, training, recruitment and retention of health care workers. All appropriations are from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund, which contains federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>SB 22-236</b> Review Of Medicaid Provider Rates	Sen. Hansen (D) Sen. Rankin (R) Rep. McCluskie (D) Rep. Ransom (R)	The bill modifies the Medicaid provider rate review process.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2023
<b>HB 22-1002</b> Fifth Year High School Concurrent Enrollment	Rep. Weissman (D) Rep. Bacon (D) Sen. Buckner (D)	The bill modifies the Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program, which allows selected students to enroll in postsecondary courses and be included in a local education provider's pupil enrollment during the year following the student's fourth year of high school.	Support	FAILED

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<b>HB 22-1005</b> Health care Preceptors Tax Credit	Rep. McCluskie (D) Rep. Will (R) Sen. Rankin (R)	The bill modifies and extends the income tax credit for health care preceptors working in health care professional shortage areas through tax year 2032.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1008</b> Implementation Of Fertility Coverage	Rep. Tipper (D) Rep. Soper (R) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Fenberg (D) Sen. Winter (D)	The bill requires that all Division of Insurance (DOI) regulated health benefit plans provide coverage for the diagnosis of and treatment for infertility and standard fertility preservation services, if the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services determines that these benefits would not require the state to defray the cost for premium increases attributable to the mandate.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: April 13, 2022
<b>HB 22-1009</b> Continue Workforce Diploma Pilot Program	Rep. Gray (D) Rep. Sullivan (D) Sen. Zenzinger (D)	The Workforce Diploma Pilot Program in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) pays qualified providers of dropout recovery services to assist adult students to obtain a high school diploma, as well as other workforce credentials. The bill extends the program indefinitely, and requires that the CDE adjust payments to providers annually along with inflation.	Support	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1013</b> Microgrids For Community Resilience Grant Program	Rep. Pelton (R) Rep. Snyder (D) Sen. Hisey (R) Sen. Winter (D)	The bill creates the Microgrids for Community Resilience Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to provide grants for cooperative electric associations and municipally owned utilities to purchase microgrid resources for eligible rural communities located within their service territories.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1015</b> Off-label Use Of Approved Drugs To Treat COVID-19	Rep. Luck (R) Sen. Hisey (R) Sen. Sonnenberg (R)	The bill allows health care providers to prescribe and dispense FDA-approved therapeutic drugs currently accepted for uses other than prevention or treatment of COVID-19, to prevent or treat COVID-19.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1026</b> Alternative Transportation Options Tax Credit	Rep. Bird (D) Rep. Woog (R) Sen. Hansen (D) Sen. Liston (R)	The bill replaces a corporate income tax deduction for expenses related to providing alternative transportation options for employees with a refundable tax credit for similar expenses available to corporate and non-corporate employers.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2023
<b>HB 22-1031</b> Consumer Right To Repair Powered Wheelchairs	Rep. Titone (D) Rep. Ortiz (D) Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Cooke (R)	The bill outlines requirements and allowances for manufacturers of powered wheelchairs to provide documentation and tools to independent repair providers, and creates a deceptive trade practice for failure to abide by these requirements.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2023
<b>HB 22-1035</b> Modernization Of The Older Coloradans' Act	Rep. Young (D) Rep. Bradfield (R) Sen. Ginal (D) Sen. Rankin (R)	The bill makes several changes to the Colorado Commission on Aging and the responsibilities of state agencies involved in implementing the Older Coloradans' Act.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: March 24, 2022
<b>HB 22-1041</b> Privacy Protections For Protected Persons	Rep. Boesenecker (D) Rep. Larson (R) Sen. Ginal (D)	The bill expands the list of protected persons who may request to have personal information removed from the internet if there is risk of harassment.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: March 24, 2022



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<b>HB 22-1047</b> Protecting Human Life At Conception	Rep. Neville (R)	The bill prohibits a licensed physician from performing abortions except in limited circumstances and makes the offense a class 1 felony.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1050</b> International Medical Graduate Integrate Health care Workforce	Rep. Ricks (D) Sen. Buckner (D)	The bill creates two programs for international medical graduates (IMGs) - the IMG Assistance Program to assist IMGs navigate the re-licensure process and the Clinical Readiness Program to help IMGs build the skills necessary to practice in the U.S.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: June 7, 2022
<b>HB 22-1051</b> Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit	Rep. Bird (D) Rep. McKean (R) Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Hisey (R)	The bill continues the Colorado affordable housing tax credit that is scheduled to expire in 2024 for an additional ten years and increases the amount of the credit that the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) may allocate each year starting in 2023. CHFA may exceed the cap in the event of a natural disaster.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 26, 2022
<b>HB 22-1052</b> Promoting Crisis Services To Students	Rep. McLachlan (D) Rep. McKean (R) Rep. McLachlan (D) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Moreno (D)	The bill requires that student identification cards contain information for Colorado Crisis Services, and that the Office of Behavioral Health provides schools with outreach materials on Colorado Crisis Services upon request.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 8, 2022
<b>HB 22-1065</b> Emergency Mental Health Treatment And Evaluation Standard	Rep. Benavidez (D) Rep. Amabile (D)	The bill changes the standard for an emergency 72-hour mental health commitment for treatment and evaluation (mental health hold) to include when a person appears to have a mental health disorder or be gravely disabled, and if a person appears to present a substantial risk of harm to self or others. It also defines "substantial risk."	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1075</b> Induced Termination Of Pregnancy State Registrar	Rep. Luck (R)	The bill requires health care providers who perform induced terminations of pregnancies to report certain data to CDPHE.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1076</b> Telehealth For Hearing Aid Providers	Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Will (R) Sen. Bucker (D)	The bill allows hearing aid providers to prescribe, select, and fit appropriate hearing instruments and assistive devices in-person or through the use of telehealth.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: April 4, 2022
<b>HB 22-1077</b> Colorado Nonprofit Security Grant Program	Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Rep. Jodeh (D) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Hansen (D)	The bill creates the Colorado Nonprofit Security Grant Program within the Department of Public Safety to provide grants to nonprofit organizations who applied for, and did not receive, a grant under the Federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program administered by FEMA.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 7, 2022
<b>HB 22-1079</b> Abolishing Abortion In Colorado	Rep. Williams (R)	The bill makes abortion illegal in Colorado and introduces penalties for performing abortions.	Monitor	FAILED

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<b>HB 22-1095</b> Physician Assistant Collaboration Requirements	Rep. Lontine (D) Rep. Will (R) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Simpson (R)	The bill modifies the relationship between a physician assistance and a physician or podiatrist by expanding a physician assistant's ability to practice and removing supervisory requirements.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1100</b> Prohibit Discrimination COVID-19 Vaccine Status	Rep. Ransom (R) Rep. Sandridge (R)	The bill prohibits discrimination based on COVID-19 immunization status and allows for civil action to be taken against an employer by an employee or applicant.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1112</b> Workers' Compensation Injury Notices	Rep. Daugherty (D) Sen. Gonzales (D)	The bill extends the timeline for an employee to notify their employer about an on-the-job injury from four to ten days and updates the public signage regarding workers' compensation.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1114</b> Transportation Services For Medicaid Waiver Recipients	Rep. Larson (R) Rep. A. Valdez (D) Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Kirkmeyer (R)	The bill authorizes a transportation network company to provide non-medical transportation services to persons enrolled in certain Medicaid waiver programs.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1115</b> Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Rep. Kipp (D) Rep. Soper (R) Sen. Pettersen (D) Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D)	The bill requires prescribers and pharmacists to register and maintain a user account with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) as a condition of license renewal. Prescribers must reference the PDMP before writing a prescription for an opioid to prevent overlapping prescriptions from multiple prescribers.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1119</b> Colorado False Claims Act	Rep. Gray (D) Rep. Weissman (D) Sen. Winter (D)	The bill establishes penalties, procedures, and limitations regarding any individual who defrauds the state, a county, or a municipality.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1122</b> Pharmacy Benefit Manager Prohibited Practices	Rep. Will (R) Rep. Lindsay (D) Sen. Jaquez Lewis	The bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) from reimbursing a pharmacy for a prescription drug for an amount less than the national drug acquisition cost, or the wholesale acquisition cost of the drug. Additionally, the bill creates the 340B Prescription Drug Program Anti-Discrimination Act.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1138</b> Reduce Employee Single-occupancy Vehicle Trips	Rep. Gray (D) Rep. Herod (D) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Hansen (D)	The bill creates an income tax credit for employers that provide alternative transportation options to their employees; requires large employers to provide alternative transportation options to their employees; and requires the Transportation Commission to allocate funds to transportation management associations.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1144</b> Naturally Acquired Immunity COVID-19	Rep. Baisley (R)	The bill requires an employer or a state agency that imposes a COVID-19 vaccine or testing requirement to instead allow a person to provide documentation demonstrating a naturally acquired immunity to the virus.	Oppose	FAILED

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<b>HB 22-1152</b> Prohibit Employer Adverse Action Marijuana Use	Rep. Hooton (D)	The bill prohibits employers from taking adverse actions against employees or applicants who use medical marijuana, both on duty and off, or retail marijuana, off duty, except for when an occupational safety requirement exists that would necessitate a restriction.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1157</b> Utilization Of Demographic Data By Colorado Department Public Health And Environment	Rep. McCormick (D) Rep. Titone (D) Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D)	The bill requires CDPHE to collect voluntarily provided public health information concerning race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity (demographic elements), as allowed under applicable state and federal data privacy laws, rules, regulations, and federal contracts.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: June 2, 2022
<b>HB 22-1163</b> State Income Tax Deduction For Medical Expenses	Rep. Soper (R) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill creates an income tax deduction for unreimbursed medical expenses for tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2023, but before Jan. 1, 2030.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1167</b> Temporary Proxy Medical Decision-makers	Rep. Bradfield (R)	The bill allows attending physicians or health care facilities to assign a temporary decision-maker for medical decisions when interested individuals are unable to come to a timely consensus, or if the physician or health care facility is unable to identify a person who can make medical decisions on behalf of a patient.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1188</b> ARPA American Rescue Plan Act Money For Home-And Community-based Services	Rep. Herod (D) Rep. McCluskie (D) Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Rankin (R)	The bill makes a technical change to the ARPA/ HCBS Account in the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund to allow HCPF to spend amounts attributable to the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee as state-only funds on behavioral health-related initiatives.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: March 7, 2022
<b>HB 22-1198</b> Medical Expense Sharing Program Requirements	Rep. Baisley (R)	The bill establishes requirements for medical expense sharing programs, provides the Attorney General with oversight and enforcement authority, and exempts medical expense sharing programs from insurance laws and rules.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1199</b> Visitation Requirements Health care Facilities	Rep. Geitner (R)	The bill requires health care facilities to permit visitors under the least restrictive state or local regulations, and allows CDPHE to enforce these requirements.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1200</b> Employee Exemption COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement	Rep. Van Winkle (R)	The bill requires employers to grant COVID-19 vaccine exemptions. Employees terminated on the basis of COVID-19 vaccine non-compliance are not disqualified from unemployment benefit eligibility.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1201</b> Standards For Immunization Requirements	Rep. Van Beber (R) Rep. Soper (R)	The bill allows individuals who are required to receive an immunization for any purpose to claim an exemption in certain cases, and requires CDPHE to post certain vaccine related data on its website.	Oppose	FAILED



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<b>HB 22-1213</b> Sunset Continue Regulation Speech-language Pathologists	Rep. Young (D) Rep. Pico (R) Sen. Bucker (D)	The bill implements the recommendations from the DORA sunset review of the Speech Language Pathology Practice Act. It continues the practice act for 11 years until September 1, 2033.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1214</b> Behavioral Health Crisis Response System	Rep. Young (D) Rep. Pelton (R) Sen. Kolker (D) Sen. Priola (R)	The bill requires crisis system facilities and programs, including walk-in centers and mobile crisis programs, to meet minimum regulatory standards that include mental health and substance use disorder standards. The bill clarifies that mobile crisis services and walk-in center services can be provided to youth without parental or guardian consent.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: April 27, 2022
<b>HB 22-1215</b> Study Of Expanding Extended High School Programs	Rep. McCluskie (D) Rep. Bacon (D) Sen. Bridges (D)	The bill creates a task force to recommend policies to support statewide development of early college, ASCENT, p-tech, and other programs that span secondary and postsecondary education.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 3, 2022
<b>HB 22-1216</b> Uniform Restrictive Employment Agreement Act	Rep. Tipper (D) Sen. Bridges (D)	The bill updates the regulations on agreements between an employer and an employee regarding limitations on work after the existing employment relationship ends. The bill requires various post-employment agreements that prohibit non-compete agreements for low-wage workers. Finally, the bill adds new procedural requirements to non-compete and restrictive agreements and creates penalties and enforcement mechanisms.	Oppose	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1227</b> Sunset Health care Work Force Data Advisory Group	Rep. Mullica (D) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill repeals the Healthcare Workforce Data Advisory Group and creates new data reporting and collection requirements specifically as it relates to licensure and provides this new data to the Primary Care Office within CDPHE.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: April 12, 2022
<b>HB 22-1238</b> Elected Officials Approve Epidemic Duties	Sen. Woodward (R) Rep. Lynch (R)	The bill defines and limits the power of the governor, CDPHE, and local public health agencies concerning disaster emergencies and emergency duties.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1240</b> Mandatory Reporters	Rep. Froelich (D) Rep. Young (D) Sen. Fields (D) Sen. Simpson (R)	The bill creates the Mandatory Reporter Task Force in the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman to analyze best practices and recommend changes to training requirements and reporting procedures, specifically with regard to the impacts of mandatory reporting on families of color, under-resourced communities, and people with disabilities.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1244</b> Public Protections From Toxic Air Contaminants	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez (D) Sen. Gonzales (D)	The bill creates a new program in CDPHE to regulate toxic air contaminants based on adverse health effects. It creates an advisory board to advise the Air Quality Control Commission on identifying toxic air contaminants, establishing health-based standards, and reviewing the list of toxic air contaminants.	Oppose	PASSED Effective Date: June 2, 2022

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<b>HB 22-1246</b> Hospice Inpatient Unit Specialized Prescription Drug Outlet	Rep. Lontine (D) Sen. Buckner (D)	Under current law, a prescription drug outlet is permitted to register as a Specialized Prescription Drug Outlet (SPDO) if it compounds, dispenses, and delivers drugs and devices or provides pharmacist care services to residents of a long-term care facility. The bill allows a pharmacy located in a hospice inpatient unit to register as an SPDO if it provides these same services to residents of the hospice inpatient unit.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1247</b> Additional Requirements Nursing Facility Funding	Rep. Herod (D) Rep. McCluskie (D) Sen. Hansen (D) Sen. Rankin (R)	The bill appropriates funding to enhance Medicaid payments to nursing facilities to support short-term solvency.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: April 25, 2022
<b>HB 22-1251</b> Cardiac Arrest Management	Rep. Roberts (D) Sen. Bridges (D)	The bill creates the Office of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Management in CDPHE to promote the use of public access defibrillators and coordinate the collection of sudden cardiac arrest data.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1256</b> Modifications To Civil Involuntary Commitment	Rep. McCluskie (D) Rep. Amabile (D) Rep. McCluskie (D) Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Gardner (R)	The bill transfers duties relating to the care and treatment of persons with mental health disorders from the Office of Behavioral Health to the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) in Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). The bill also makes numerous changes to the state's involuntary commitment system.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022, except Sections 2-5, which take effect July 1, 2023, and certain portions of Sections 1, 3, and 4, which take effect on July 1, 2024
<b>HB 22-1262</b> Sunset Continue Workers' Compensation Regulations	Rep. Sullivan (D) Rep. Snyder (D) Sen. Rodriguez (D) Sen. Cooke (R)	The bill continues the authority of the Department of Labor and Employment to impose fines on employers for a second failure to carry workers' compensation insurance. This authority is scheduled to repeal July 1, 2022, and is continued until Sept. 1, 2033.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: April 12, 2022
<b>HB 22-1267</b> Culturally Relevant Training Health Professionals	Rep. A. Valdez (D) Rep. Boesenecker (D) Sen. Ginal (D) Sen. Fields (D)	The bill appropriates \$1.0 million for grants to provide culturally responsive training to health care professionals in CDPHE.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1268</b> Medicaid Mental Health Reimbursement Rates Report	Rep. Holtorf (R) Rep. Amabile (D) Sen. Ginal (D) Sen. Simpson (R)	The bill requires an audit of Medicaid reimbursement rates for independent mental health and substance abuse treatment providers and the publication of a cost report for community mental health centers.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: June 3, 2022
<b>HB 22-1269</b> Health care Sharing Plan Reporting Requirements	Rep. Lontine (D) Sen. Hansen (D)	The bill requires the Commissioner of Insurance to oversee individuals offering health care sharing plans or arrangements that service Colorado residents.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 8, 2022

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<b>HB 22-1278</b> Behavioral Health Administration	Rep. Young (D) Rep. Pelton (R) Sen. Lee (D) Sen. Simpson (R)	The bill creates the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) in CDHS and charges it with creating a coordinated, cohesive, and effective behavioral health system in Colorado. Any state agency that administers a behavioral health program is required to collaborate with the BHA.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: July 1, 2022, except Section 212, which takes effect July 1, 2023, and Sections 215-240, which take effect July 1, 2024
<b>HB 22-1279</b> Reproductive Health Equity Act	Rep. Froelich (D) Rep. Esgar (D) Sen. Gonzales (D)	The bill codifies an individual's right to make reproductive health care decisions without government interference.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: April 4, 2022
<b>HB 22-1281</b> Behavioral Health Care Continuum Gap Grant Program	Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez (D) Rep. Ricks (D) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Rankin (R)	The bill creates the Community Behavioral Health-Care Continuum Gap Grant Program to be administered by the BHA and appropriates \$90 million from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund to the grant program.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>HB 22-1282</b> The Innovative Housing Incentive Program	Rep. Mullica (D) Rep. Lynch (R) Sen. Bridges (D) Sen. Woodward (R)	The bill creates a program in the Office of Economic Development to provide grants or loans to new or existing businesses with fewer than 500 employees that develop manufactured homes.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 20, 2022
<b>HB 22-1283</b> Youth And Family Behavioral Health Care	Rep. Michaelson Jenet (D) Rep. Bradfield (R) Sen. Buckner (D) Sen. Priola (R)	The bill requires CDHS to create an in-home and residential respite care program, provide operational support for psychiatric and residential treatment facilities, create additional substance use treatment beds, continue the crisis service program, and build a neuro-psych facility.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>HB 22-1284</b> Health Insurance Surprise Billing Protections	Rep. Esgar (D) Rep. Catlin (R) Sen. Gardner (R) Sen. Pettersen (D)	The bill aligns current state surprise billing laws with the federal No Surprises Act.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1285</b> Prohibit Collection Hospital Not Disclosing Prices	Rep. Neville (R) Rep. Esgar (D) Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Cooke (R)	The bill prohibits hospitals from pursuing collection actions if out of compliance with federal price transparency rules. Collection actions includes sending to debt collector, filing suit against a patient, reporting to collections agency. Additionally, the bill allows individual patients to file lawsuits and provides for significant penalties if a claim against a hospital is successful.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1289</b> Health Benefits For Colorado Children And Pregnant Persons	Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez (D) Rep. McCluskie (D) Sen. Moreno (D) Sen. Fields (D)	The bill expands Medicaid coverage to low-income pregnant people and children, regardless of immigration status; requires the Insurance Commissioner to improve the quality of health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise; and extends a survey of birthing parents indefinitely, among other requirements.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 7, 2022



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<b>HB 22-1290</b> Changes To Medicaid For Wheelchair Repairs	Rep. Titone (D) Rep. Ortiz (D) Sen. Zenzinger (D) Sen. Coram (R)	The bill prohibits HCPF from requiring prior authorization for any repair of complex rehabilitation technology, and increases the rural reimbursement rate for complex rehabilitation technology repairs.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: June 2, 2022
<b>HB 22-1293</b> Medical Record Requests By Attorneys	Rep. Daugherty (D) Rep. Van Winkle (R) Sen. Smallwood (R) Sen. Zenzinger (D)	The bill lowers and caps the reasonable fee amounts currently set in statute that may be charged for medical record requests, and adds attorneys to the list of individuals who can request medical records on behalf of a patient and are subject to fees. The fee amounts vary depending on the format of the records and the number of pages being requested.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1298</b> Fee Relief Nurses Nurse Aides And Technicians	Rep. Mullica (D) Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D) Sen. Hinrichsen (D)	The bill transfers \$11,720,278 from the General Fund to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund to fund the cost of the State Board of Nursing to regulate nurses, nurse aides, and psychiatric technicians.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>HB 22-1299</b> License Registration Fee Relief For Mental Health Professionals	Rep. Young (D) Sen. Kolker (D) Sen. Fields (D)	The bill transfers \$3.7 million from the General Fund to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund to cover the cost of various boards that regulate mental health professionals and reduce licensing fees.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: May 17, 2022
<b>HB 22-1302</b> Health-care Practice Transformation	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Will (R) Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D) Sen. Priola (R)	The bill creates the Primary Care and Behavioral Health Statewide Integration Grant Program to be administered by HCPF to provide grants to physical and behavioral health care providers for implementation of evidence-based clinical integration care models.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>HB 22-1303</b> Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds	Rep. Amabile (D) Rep. Sandridge (R) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Smallwood (R)	The bill requires an increase in the number of residential behavioral health beds, creates a new Medicaid provider type, and includes an appropriation of \$65 million from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund in DHS.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>HB 22-1304</b> State Grants Investments Local Affordable Housing	Rep. Roberts (D) Rep. Bradfield (R) Sen. Coleman (D) Sen. Gonzales (D)	The bill creates two housing-related grant programs in the Department of Local Affairs to support affordable housing.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 1, 2022
<b>HB 22-1305</b> Paid Family Medical Leave Premium Reduction	Rep. Caraveo (D) Rep. Gray (D) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Coleman (D)	The bill reduces the employer premium for the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program for six months and transfers up to \$57.5 million to the program's fund.	Support	FAILED

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<b>HB 22-1306</b> Broadband Deployment Board Grant Processes	Rep. Titone (D) Rep. Baisley (R) Sen. Bridges (D) Sen. Priola (R)	The General Assembly created a process in 2021 for the Broadband Deployment Board in the Office of Information Technology to award broadband stimulus grants using funds received as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The bill codifies current practice by updating the grant program's requirements to align with finalized federal regulations.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: June 2, 2022
<b>HB 22-1309</b> Hospital Dispense Drugs To Sexual Assault Victims	Rep. Froelich (D) Sen. Winter (D) Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D)	Under current law, a hospital employee or agent is allowed to dispense a 72-hour supply of prescription drugs to an emergency room patient. The bill allows a seven-day supply of drugs for prophylaxis of sexually transmitted infections to be dispensed to an emergency room patient who is a victim of sexual assault.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 26, 2022
<b>HB 22-1317</b> Restrictive Employment Agreements	Rep. Tipper (D) Sen. Bridges (D)	The bill creates a new factual basis for the existing class 2 misdemeanor offense of employee intimidation by adding covenants not to compete to the basis.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1325</b> Primary Care Alternative Payment Models	Rep. Kennedy (D) Rep. Caraveo (D) Sen. Ginal (D)	The bill requires the DOI within DORA to create, implement, and evaluate standards around the use of value-based payments in the health insurance system.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1326</b> Fentanyl Accountability And Prevention	Rep. Garnett (D) Sen. Pettersen (D) Sen. Cooke (R)	The bill modifies fentanyl-related criminal offenses, updates practices around dispensing opiate antagonists, creates an education campaign, broadens the scope of the Harm Reduction Grant Program, and makes requirements for continuity of care for individuals in the criminal justice system with substance use disorder.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: May 25, 2022
<b>HB 22-1332</b> Office of Economic Development and International Trade American Rescue Plan Act Funds For Rural Colorado	Rep. McCluskie (D) Rep. Herod (D) Sen. Hansen (D) Sen. Rankin (R)	The bill transfers \$40 million of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 money from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to the Colorado Economic Development Fund and directs how a portion of the money should be used to support rural economic development. The bill updates these directions to align with ARPA requirements.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: April 25, 2022
<b>HB 22-1344</b> FDA-approved Prescription 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine Drug Use	Rep. Neville (R) Rep. Ortiz (D) Sen. Cooke (R) Sen. Ginal (D)	Under current law, MDMA is a schedule I controlled substance. The bill specifies that prescription drugs containing MDMA, approved by the FDA, and placed on a schedule other than Schedule I are legal to prescribe, dispense, transport, possess, and use in Colorado.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1350</b> Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program	Rep. McCluskie (D) Rep. Rich (R) Sen. Bridges (D) Sen. Lundeen (R)	The bill creates the Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program in the Office of Economic Development and International Trade to develop or expand talent development initiatives in identified regions of the state.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 26, 2022

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<b>HB 22-1352</b> Stockpile For Declared Disaster Emergencies	Rep. Mullica (D) Sen. Jaquez Lewis (D)	The bill requires the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in DPS to procure and maintain a stockpile of essential materials that are available for distribution after the governor has declared a disaster emergency.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 18, 2022
<b>HB 22-1355</b> Producer Responsibility Program For Recycling	Rep. Cutter (D) Sen. Priola (R) Sen. Gonzales (D)	The bill creates a producer responsibility program to provide recycling services to covered entities in the state. The program will be implemented by a nonprofit organization in consultation with a newly-created advisory board and overseen by CDPHE.	Oppose	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1363</b> Accountability To Taxpayers Special Districts	Rep. Weissman (D) Rep. Boesenecker (D) Sen. Gonzales (D) Sen. Story (D)	The bill modifies statutory provisions governing special districts including filing requirements, service plan approvals, the issuance of debt, and director meeting requirements.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1384</b> Naturopathic Doctor Formulary	Rep. McLachlan (D) Rep. Caraveo (D)	Under current law, naturopathic formulary additions are limited to biological substances, including vitamins, minerals, nutritive substances, and extracts. The bill removes the limitations and clarifies that the formulary may contain certain prescription substances and devices.	Monitor	FAILED
<b>HB 22-1401</b> Hospital Nurse Staffing Standards	Rep. Mullica (D) Sen Moreno (D)	The bill requires every hospital to establish a nurse staffing committee pursuant to rules promulgated by the state Board of Health, either by creating a new committee or assigning the nurse staffing functions to an existing hospital staffing committee. The nurse staffing committee is required to create, implement, and evaluate a nurse staffing plan and to receive, track, and resolve complaints and receive feedback from direct-care nurses and other staff.	Monitor	PASSED Effective Date: Aug. 10, 2022
<b>HB 22-1403</b> Extend HB 21-1198 Implementation Date Three Months	Rep. Jodeh (D) Sen. Buckner (D)	The bill extends deadlines established by HB 21-1198 by three months.	Support	PASSED Effective Date: May 20, 2022