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TO: Members of the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee

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SUBJECT: Overview of the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2015 membership of the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee, charge of the committee, bill limits, bill request deadlines applicable to the committee, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

2015 Committee Membership

Senator Ellen Roberts, Chair
Senator Irene Aguilar
Senator John Kefalas
Senator Kevin Lundberg
Senator Beth Martinez Humenik

Representative Beth McCann, Vice-Chair
Representative Lois Landgraf
Representative Dianne Primavera
Representative Su Ryden
Representative Lang Sias

Committee Details and Charge

The Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee (committee) is charged with reviewing grants applied for by the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange Board of Directors to implement the exchange, reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange, and approving the appointment of an executive director to administer the exchange. The board is required to submit a report on the exchange's financial and operational plans to the committee annually. Members of the committee serve without compensation, but may receive per diem and be reimbursed for travel expenses.¹

¹Section 10-22-107, C.R.S.

In addition to the committee, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee both have oversight responsibilities for the exchange.²

Meeting Dates

The committee is required to meet at the call of the chair at least two times during each calendar year, but no more than five times each calendar year. The committee met three times in 2014: on January 30, 2014, April 24, 2014, and September 23, 2014. At each meeting, the exchange's staff and board updated the committee on the implementation of the exchange. Additionally, at the January 30, 2014, meeting, the committee approved the exchange's initial financial and operational plans, as required by Section 10-22-106, C.R.S.

Committee Recommendations to Legislative Council

Bill limits. The committee may report up to five bills or other measures to the Legislative Council, unless the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council approves a greater number. Bills approved by the Legislative Council do not count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session.³ To date, the committee has not brought forth legislation.

Legislative Council review. The Legislative Council must meet by **November 15, 2015**, to approve draft legislation. Bills not approved by Legislative Council may be introduced in the regular session, but such bills will count against a member's five-bill limit. Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to consideration by the Legislative Council.⁴ Legislative Council Staff will apprise the committee of the date of the Legislative Council meeting once it is confirmed.

Requirements for bill drafts. Bills should be requested and must be approved at a public meeting of the committee. Bills generally must be finalized two weeks prior to the Legislative Council meeting. The Office of Legislative Legal Services generally requests that bills be requested at least 21 days prior to the meeting at which the committee will approve legislation. The specific deadlines for committees to request and approve legislation have not been established yet for the 2015 interim.

Committee Staff and Website

The Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the committee or issues concerning the committee, please contact any of the following committee staff:

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You may also visit the committee website at:

<http://www.colorado.gov/LCS/ExchangeReviewComm>.

²Joint Rule 25 (b).

³Section 10-22-107 (5), C.R.S., and Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D).

⁴Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (E).