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2025 HCPF Legislative Agenda Overview

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Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver

This bill would merge the Children’s Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) waiver with the Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI) waiver, and create a new waiver called the Children with Complex Health Needs waiver (CwCHN). The purpose of the CwCHN waiver is to streamline home and community based services for children’s waiver programs, expand access to services, and ensure current and future CHCBS members have continued access to waiver services.

Administrative Remedies Prior to RAC Audit Appeals

This potential Legislative Audit Committee-sponsored bill would implement recommendations from the Office of the State Auditor’s recent [Evaluation of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing’s Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor Program](#). The recommendations provide opportunities both HCPF and providers can take to improve the program’s efficiency and balance the need for accountability with a reasonable level of administrative burden.

Medicaid Third Party Liability Federal Compliance

To ensure compliance with federal law, this bill would bar liable third-party payers from refusing to reimburse the Medicaid program for an item or service solely on the basis of no prior authorization, and requires third party payers to timely respond to the Department’s requests for the 10% of members that have commercial coverage. This bill will help ensure that state taxpayer dollars do not cover services that should be paid by the member’s commercial health plan.

Medicaid Waiver Reinvestment Cash Fund

This bill would create a Cash Fund called the Medicaid Comprehensive 1115 Waiver Reinvestment Fund that will hold General Fund savings from state-only programs that are eligible to receive a Medicaid match as directed by [HB23-1322](#) and [HB24-1045](#). This includes programs for housing supports, nutrition supports, criminal justice transitions, and any future programs identified for the state’s comprehensive 1115 Demonstration Waiver. These funds must be exclusively used for purposes outlined in the 1115 Demonstration Waiver, and this bill ensures federal compliance in the waiver’s implementation.

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Continuation of the Complementary and Integrative Services Waiver - Fiscal Impact

This bill would make the [Complementary and Integrative Services Waiver Pilot Program](#), created by [HB20-1221](#), a permanent waiver program. This current pilot program provides acupuncture, chiropractic care and massage therapy to eligible members living with a spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, a brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy with the inability for independent ambulation. Once made permanent, the members currently receiving services as part of the pilot waiver will maintain their access to these important services. This proposal is the companion bill to HCPF's budget request R-11 Office of Community Living Benefits.

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