



Health Cabinet Policy Summit Agenda

March 24, 3-4:50 and March 31, 3-4:50

This FREE virtual event is designed for policy makers, advocates, payers, care providers, health care leaders and other industry stakeholders.

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March 24, 3-4:50

3 - 3:10 p.m.: Opening with Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and Executive Director Kim Bimestefer, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing

3:10 - 3:50 p.m.: Health Care Affordability for Coloradans

Description: This session will include updates on state work to save people money on health care, including the Colorado Option, American Rescue Plan Act subsidies, value-based payments, eConsults, Providers of Distinction and efforts to address rising prescription drug costs such as the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, Drug Importation, the Prescriber Tool and rebate pass through.

Presenters:

- Elisabeth Arenales, JD, Senior Policy Advisor for the Governor's Office, Deputy Director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care
- Kim Bimestefer, MBA, Executive Director, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Michael Conway, Commissioner, Division of Insurance

3:50 - 4:45 p.m.: Behavioral Health Transformation

Description: This session will share exciting progress on key behavioral health transformation initiatives that will put people first and address the growing needs of Coloradans, including the new Behavioral Health Administration.

Panel Moderator: Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera

Panelists:

- Michelle Barnes, Executive Director, Dept. of Human Services
- Cristen Bates, MPH, Population Health Div. Director, Health Programs Office, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Morgan Medlock, MD, MDiv, MPH, Commissioner, Behavioral Health Administration

4:45 - 4:50 p.m.: Lt. Governor Closing & Prep for March 31, Summit Part 2

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March 31, 3-4:50

3 - 3:05 p.m.: Opening with Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and Executive Director Kim Bimestefer, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing

3:05 - 3:40 p.m.: Hospital Insights Report Findings

Description: This session synthesizes emerging hospital payer mix, financial and community benefit insights with key findings from several legislative reports released in January 2022 and in August 2021. It further highlights policy considerations.

Presenters:

- Kim Bimestefer, MBA, Executive Director, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Nancy Dolson, Special Financing Div. Director, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing

3:40 - 4:15 p.m.: COVID-19 Pandemic to Endemic, Future Readiness

Description: This session will provide an update on COVID-19, the state's evolution from COVID pandemic to endemic management, future pandemic readiness strategies, workforce considerations and more.

Presenters:

- Eric France, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Dept. of Public Health & Environment
- Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH, Executive Director, Dept. of Public Health & Environment

4:15 - 4:45 p.m.: Keeping Coloradans Covered After the End of the Public Health Emergency

Description: This session will share state strategies to keep Coloradans covered as we prepare for the end of the Public Health Emergency, which requires the eligibility re-determination of more than 550,000 Coloradans impacted by the Medicaid Continuous Coverage provision.

Presenters:

- Kate Harris, Chief Deputy, Life and Health Policy, Division of Insurance
- Marivel Klueckman, Eligibility Div. Director, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Rachel Reiter, Policy Communications & Administration Deputy Director, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Nina Schwartz, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Connect for Health Colorado

4:45 - 4:50 p.m.: Closing Remarks, Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and Executive Director Kim Bimestefer, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing

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