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Legislation in Review 2013

*An Analysis of the Key
Health Policy Trends*

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Today's Discussion

- Events that set the stage
- Health policy themes and major bills
- The budget: What it means for health care
- Predictions for 2014



Three Takeaways

- Health care legislation passed in 2013 will have significant cost and coverage implications for years to come.
- Behavioral health, Medicaid expansion, system efficiency and implementing health care reform were major themes.
- The improving economy allowed for significant investments in Colorado's health care system.



Colorado Health Institute: At the Capitol

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- Nonpartisan health policy data and analysis center
- Does not take positions on bills

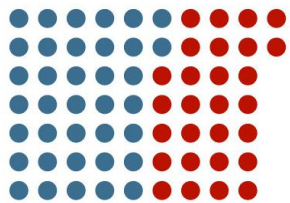




Setting the Stage

Before the Session: Three Events

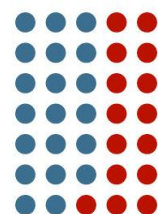
1. Obamacare became the law of the land.
2. Economy saw slow but steady progress.
3. Colorado Democrats took control of both chambers.



House of Representatives

37 Democrat (Previously 32)

28 Republican (Previously 33)



Senate

20 Democrat (Previously 20)

15 Republican (Previously 15)



Health Committee Leadership in 2013

Senate Health Committee



**Sen. Irene Aguilar
(D-Denver):**

Chair, Senate Health
and Human Services
Committee



**Sen. Ellen Roberts
(R-Durango):**

Ranking Member, Senate
Health and Human
Services Committee

House Health Committees



Rep. Beth McCann (D-Denver):

Chair, House Health, Insurance
& Environment Committee



**Rep. Dianne Primavera
(D-Broomfield):** Chair, House
Public Health Care & Human
Services Committee



**Rep. Amy Stephens
(R-Monument):** Ranking
Member of Both House Health
Committees





*Themes of the
2013 Session*

Highlights of the 2013 Session



**Renewable
Energy**



**Civil
Unions**



**Marijuana
Regulation**



**K-12
Education**



**Gun
Control**



**College
Tuition for
Undocumented
Students**

- 613 bills introduced
- 440 bill passed
- Health care: Not much media attention, but important part of session



Major Health Policy Themes

1. Implementation of Federal Health Care Reform
2. Increased Investment in Health Care, particularly Behavioral and Oral Health
3. New Reporting Requirements and Regulations
4. System Efficiency

Theme 1: Implementation of Federal Health Reform



SB 13-200: Medicaid Expansion

- Increases adult income eligibility to 133 percent FPL (effectively 138 percent)
- Yes votes from all Democrats and one Republican



Theme 1: Implementation of Federal Health Reform

**HB
13-1266**

Health Insurance Alignment with Federal Law

**HB
13-1115**

Repeal of CoverColorado

**HB
13-1245**

Funding Mechanisms for the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange



Theme 2: Increased Investment in Health Care

Focus on Behavioral Health



**SB
13-266**

Create a Behavioral Health Crisis Response System

**SB
13-210**

Fort Lyon Correctional Facility

**HB
13-1296**

Civil Commitment Statute Review Task Force



Theme 2: Increased Investment in Health Care

**SB
13-242**

Dental Services for Medicaid Adults

**SB
13-261**

Oral Health Community Grants Program

**SB
13-222**

Access to Childhood Immunizations

**SB
13-008**

Eliminate CHP+ Waiting Period



Theme 3:

New Reporting Requirements and Regulations

**HB
13-1068**

Inspection of Medicaid Providers

**SB
13-137**

Preventing Fraud in the Medicaid Program

**SB
13-277**

Develop Prior Authorization Process

**SB
13-111**

Required Elder Abuse Reporting



Theme 3:

New Reporting Requirements and Regulations



Alternative Health Care

**SB
13-215**

Alternative Health Care Consumer Protections

**HB
13-1111**

Regulating Naturopathic Doctors



Theme 4: System Efficiency



**HB
13-1196**

**Reporting Waste Prevention Methods
in the Accountable Care Collaborative**

**HB
13-1202**

**Counseling by Medicaid Providers Relating to
Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment**

Theme 4: System Efficiency

Reorganizing duties and programs of various health-related state departments

**HB
13-1314**

Transfer Developmental Disability Programs

**HB
13-1117**

Align Child Development Programs

**HB
13-1074**

Relocate Primary Care Office under CDPHE



Is Marijuana a Health Policy Issue?

**SB
13-283**

Implementation of Amendment 64

(Addresses some public health issues)



Other noteworthy bills

• **HB 13-1317**
Creates regulatory
framework in
Department of Revenue

• **HB 13-1318**
Statewide vote on
15 percent excise tax and
10 percent sales tax

• **HB 13-1325**
Sets limits for driving
under influence of
marijuana



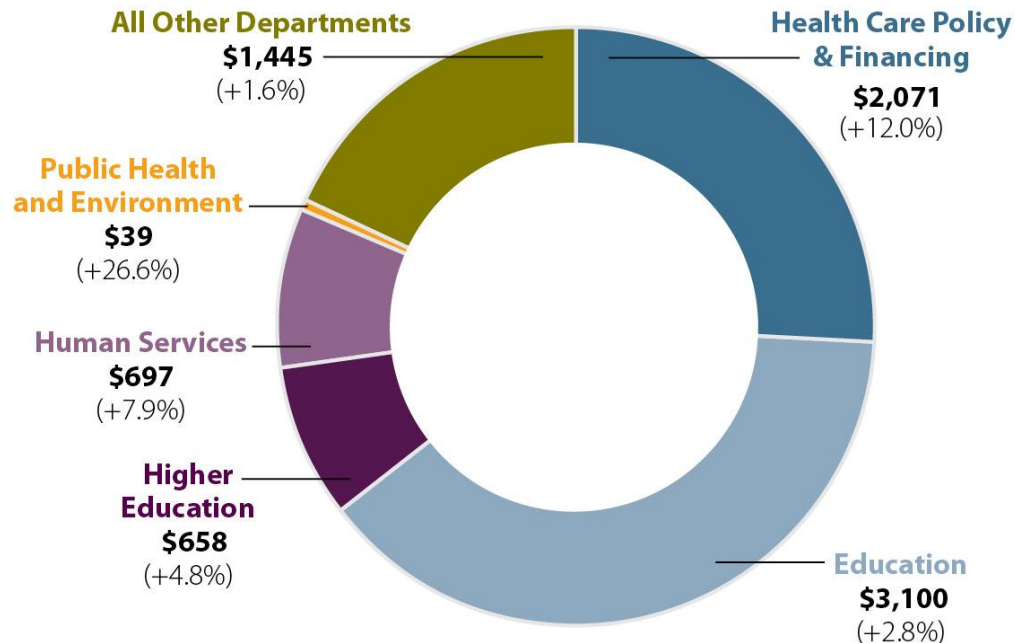


*Health Care
and the Budget*

Fiscal Year 2013-14: General Fund Appropriations by Department

FY 2013-14 General Funds

Total: \$8 billion (5.5% increase)



FY 2013-14 Total Funds

Total: \$21.9 billion (6% increase)



Source: JBC Committee Staff and FY13-14 Long Bill Narrative.

Figures do not include bills with appropriations outside of the Long Bill or any line item vetoes

The Budget and Behavioral Health

Major Investments:

- \$19.8 million** for a new **statewide behavioral health crisis response system**
- \$4.3 million** in additional funding for **community-based mental health centers**
- \$2.8 million** for enhanced mental health **services for criminal offenders**
- \$2.1 million** for a new **20-bed jail-based center** to treat defendants who are incompetent to stand trial
 - Money for increased **community behavioral health resources** in schools
 - Enhanced **substance abuse disorder benefits** for Medicaid clients



Other Budget Highlights

- Two percent **across the board increase** for most Medicaid providers.
- Adding **7.4 full-time employees** to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.
- Overhauling the **Medicaid Management Information System.**
- **Reducing waiting lists** for those with developmental disabilities.
- Increased funding for
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers.
 - Medicaid-eligible women with breast or cervical cancer
 - Rural residency programs
 - School-based health center grants





Looking Ahead

Five Trends to Anticipate in 2014

1. Regulatory tweaks with full implementation of federal health care reform.
2. Continual improvements and innovations in Medicaid program.
3. Ongoing scrutiny of recreational marijuana policies.
4. Legislation from task forces and committees convening during summer and fall.
5. Tension between education and health care funding.

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