



Capitol Comments

Colorado Policies Passed During 2019 Session

Another legislative session is in the books for Colorado. The 2019 session adjourned on May 3rd and the 2020 session won't start until January 8th, which means you can now lean back, enjoy a cold beverage, and completely ignore state politics for the rest of the year!

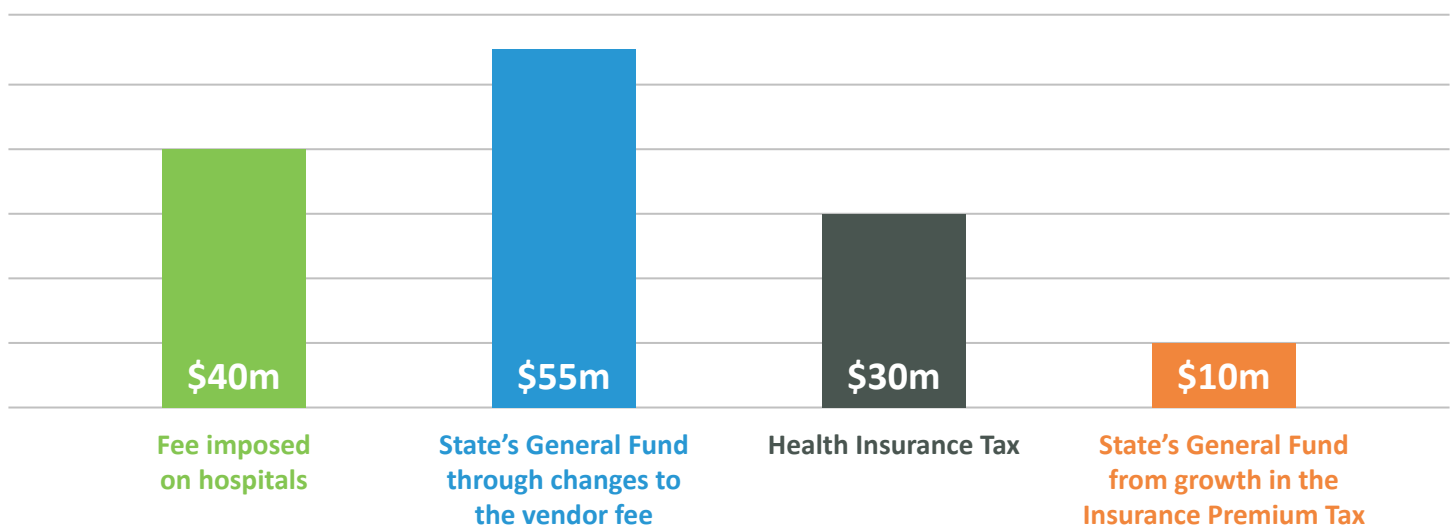
Sorry, not quite, because now is a great time to work on building relationships with your legislators. Reach out to them and invite them to come visit your facility, meet your staff, and learn about all the amazing work you are doing to provide high quality care to your community. [The state legislature site](#) has contact information for all state representatives and senators.

The Colorado Sun has [a handy article](#) looking at the policies passed during the 2019 session.

One bill that passed and signed into law, HB19-1168 State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program, was in the healthcare industry's spotlight for most of the session. The reinsurance program will be a two-year program and the state will have to receive a state innovation waiver from CMS to run the program.

The Reinsurance Program will apply to individual plans on the exchange. It will be a two-year program, applying to plan years 2020 and 2021.

This program will be funded through:



The resulting premium decrease is expected to be 15-20% in rural/high cost areas and 5-10% in the Denver metro area. These savings will first be seen in January 2020 health insurance premiums.

Western Healthcare Alliance will continue to provide information on the reinsurance program as HCPF makes details available.