

# Capitol Comments LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## Federal

You may have seen a tweet or two about the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. ACA) being declared “invalid” by Judge O’Connor of Texas. You then may have seen multiple tweets from folks like Seema Verma, CMS Administrator, and other department heads of the Department of Health and Human Services stating the ACA would remain in effect until the appeal process—and eventual Supreme Court ruling—occurs.

Timothy S. Jost, my all-time favorite explainer of laws and court cases, did a fantastic job of [summarizing](#) what happened and what could potentially happen. I’m going to defer to the experts and just point you to that summary. The Brookings Register of Brookings, South Dakota also ran a [great summary article](#) by Trudy Lieberman of the Rural Health News Service. I recommend looking at that to get an idea of what would be left in limbo if the ACA was removed with a replacement ready to go. Oh, a New Congress is in session in DC, too!



## Colorado

The Colorado Legislature convened on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Two bills on creating a public option are expected to be introduced on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Since I’m writing this on the 4<sup>th</sup>, I don’t yet know if that is true. I expect to share more on what has been introduced and what’s occurring in the February Capitol Comments. I know, the suspense must be killing you.

There are a few new faces at the capitol. Be sure to look up your representative’s contact information on the [legislature’s website](#). Need a refresher on your districts? Here is a [Colorado House District Map](#) and a [Colorado Senate District Map](#).

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