EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Extending Executive Orders D 2021 016, D 2021 042, D 2021 065, D 2021 084, and D 2021 099 Directing the Colorado Division of Insurance to Promulgate a Rule Regarding Rates for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et seq., I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Orders D 2021 016, D 2021 042, D 2021 065, D 2021 084, and D 2021 099, directing the Division of Insurance in the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies to promulgate a rule establishing a reasonable rate (or rates) by which health insurance carriers will reimburse providers for the cost of COVID-19 vaccine administration.

I. Background and Purpose


My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has recently authorized three vaccines for prevention of COVID-19, and other COVID-19 vaccines are under development. As COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available, it is imperative that all Coloradans are able to receive a vaccine at no cost.
To facilitate the prompt and effective delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine and mitigate financial disincentives of providing the vaccine, providers who administer the COVID-19 vaccine shall be reasonably compensated by health insurance carriers for the cost of administering the vaccine.

This Executive Order extends Executive Orders D 2021 016, D 2021 042, D 2021 065, D 2021 084, and D 2021 099, directing the Division of Insurance in the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies to promulgate a rule establishing a reasonable rate (or rates) by which health insurance carriers will reimburse providers for the cost of COVID-19 vaccine administration. Consistent with federal law, providers receiving taxpayer dollars for administering the COVID-19 vaccine shall not collect payment from anyone receiving the vaccine.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2021 016, as extended by Executive Orders D 2021 042, D 2021 065, D 2021 084, D 2021 099, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from June 9, 2021, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects Executive Order 2021 016, as extended by Executive Orders D 2021 042, D 2021 065, D 2021 084, and D 2021 099, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this ninth day of June, 2021.

Jared Polis
Governor