

LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

# Priorities, Outcomes & Looking Ahead



# Exchange budget priorities & noted bills

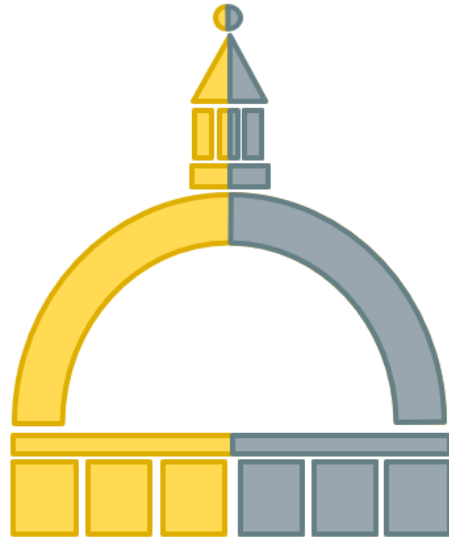
## 2026 budget

- ▶ Cascade Care Savings: funded at \$55M through PY 2027
- ▶ Maintenance and operations funded as requested:
  - ▶ Lead organizations
  - ▶ Customer support center
  - ▶ Non-MAGI
  - ▶ HR 1 (work requirements)

## Revenue bills

- ▶ Assessment on excess capital reserves (HB 2073 / SB 5808): **not passed**
- ▶ Increase premium taxes on certain health insurance providers (HB 2626): **not passed**
- ▶ Temporary increase in premium tax (HB 2745): **not passed**

# Exchange policy priority highlights



## Senate Bill 6210:

Safeguarding  
Exchange  
consumers



Passed Senate on Feb 11



Passed House Health Care  
Committee on Feb 28



Passed House Appropriations  
Committee on Mar 2



Pulled from Rules Committee on  
Mar 6 at 1:30AM; 23 amendments  
as of 11:30AM; was not heard by  
5:00PM cutoff

# Looking ahead

- ▶ Exploring **Cascade Care Savings** funding options
- ▶ Partnering with OIC to address access and affordability issues in **San Juan County**
- ▶ Partnering with HCA and OIC to strengthen **public option plan** offerings
- ▶ Mitigating ongoing destabilizing impacts of federal policy changes on the **individual market**
- ▶ Addressing **health care cost containment and transparency**





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