

CCI LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

for 2018 Legislative session

CCI is soliciting potential legislative issues for the 2018 legislative session. Please answer each of the questions below for each of your county's legislative issues. If your county submits multiple issue forms, please prioritize your issues. Submitted issues are discussed during the summer steering committees and district meetings. We encourage you to confer with your county managers or administrators and department heads, as well as other elected officials, to determine what issues are the most pressing in your county and have implications for other counties. All submitted issues forms must have the support of the Board of County Commissioners or the Mayor/City and County Council.

In accordance with the Legislative Principles that are part of CCI's Policy Statement, "...initiated legislation should be realistic and closely related to the conduct of our members' responsibilities if we are to retain a high level of credibility. Local elected officials groups, county and otherwise, as well as other interest groups, should be encouraged to find sponsors for and initiate their own proposals, allowing our members and CCI to take a supportive role when the bill is introduced."

Please fax or email your issue forms to Jeanne DeHaven at 303.861.2818 or jdehaven@ccionline.org. Please feel free to use more than one page when submitting issues and to submit additional documentation or background information related to the issue. Legislative Issue Forms should be returned by **Friday, June 30, 2017** in order to be discussed during the summer legislative review and steering committee meetings.

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1.) Issue: Inmates in the Cty Jail lose Medicaid coverage when they are booked into the facility.

2.) Background : The County has to pay the medical bills on inmates in their custody. The County has to provide a "standard of care". The inmates come into the jail with STD's, Aids, high blood pressure, diabetes, lung issues, pregnant, etc. We would like to use restricted and unrestricted funding in the Dept. of Public Health to pay for the medical needs of the inmates.

3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.) CRS 25-1-502 Essential Public Health Service, we would like a definition of "community" to include those individuals confined to the county jail. CRS 25-1-511(3) may need wording to give the county the ability to use the restricted and unrestricted agency funds, and 25-1-501 "Declaration" needs amended to include individuals confined to the county jail.

4.) County Commissioner role in this issue? County Commissioners have the responsibility to pay for the healthcare needs of the inmates.

5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal): Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Healthcare and Policy

6.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about their reaction to this proposal? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal? Yes. Senator Crowder and Representative Valdez would be supportive.

7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

8.) Please list the subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal: Gigi Dennis, Sheriff Robert Jackson, Jason Kelly, Cty Attorney, or Dr. Pat Thompson

9.) Priority Ranking (If multiple issues submitted): 1