

The Colorado Universal Health Plan



Will ensure **EVERYONE** in Colorado has access to needed health care.

Individual Health Care Benefits

Comprehensive benefits and the freedom to choose your own provider for:

- All primary care
- Preventive care
- Specialty care
- Surgical care
- Hospitalization
- Lab and x-ray services
- Emergency care
- Automobile and work-related injuries
- Prescription drugs
- Durable medical equipment
- Pathology services
- Mental health services
- Substance abuse treatment
- Patient education
- Chiropractic services
- Dental services
- Basic vision care
- Audiology services
- Medical transportation
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation
- Home health
- Hospice services
- Licensed alternative medical services.

Benefits for Health Care Providers

- Colorado health care providers **will save an estimated \$669 million per year** with streamlined billing, rapid electronic payment, and virtual elimination of claim denial and appeal processes.
- Hospitals and other providers will have more efficient access to electronic records via individual medical record “Smart Cards.”
- Colorado hospitals **will save an estimated \$322 million per year** without the burden of unpaid medical bills from the high number of our uninsured and underinsured citizens. These costs will no longer be passed to the patients and taxpayers who now pay for more than 60% of health costs.

Benefits for Colorado Businesses

- Colorado businesses **will save an estimated \$2.34 billion** by not having to manage high-cost employee health care plans.
- Colorado businesses will be able to compete on an equal footing in the global marketplace.

Existing Policy and Financing Capability

Current law gives the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing broad authority to implement financing and delivery that will provide quality health care. The department administers Medicaid and has developed innovative approaches to improve care and reduce costs.

Equal Access and Local Administration

Health care needs in rural and mountain areas differ from those in the more populated front-range area. **The Colorado Universal Health Plan** will expand existing Regional Integrated Care **local administration to assure care quality, and expand the proven ability to provide comprehensive quality care to EVERYONE** in Colorado.