



## COLORADO HEALTH POLICY COALITION

*The Colorado Health Policy Coalition is a broad and diverse group of stakeholders dedicated to proactively positioning Colorado to shape the federal conversation about the future of health care in America.*

### We are calling on Congress to:

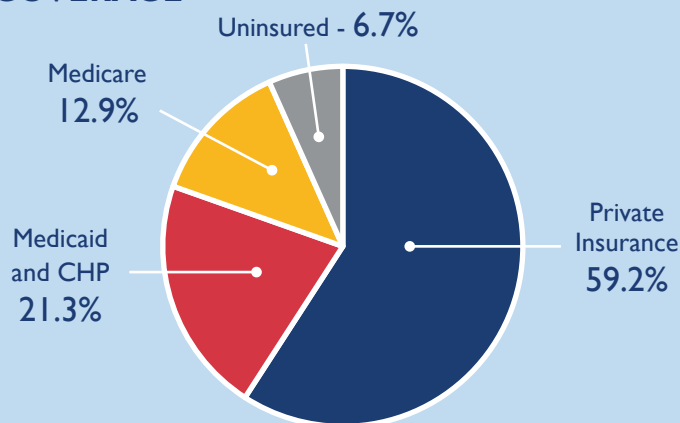
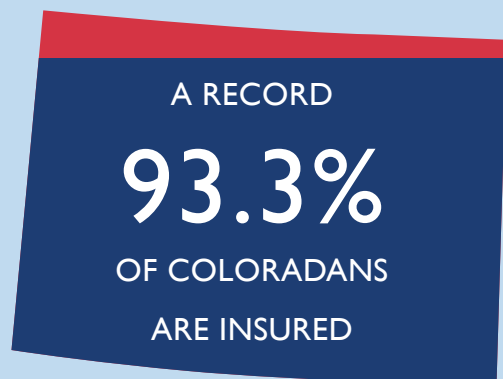
- Repeal the Affordable Care Act only with a clearly identified and carefully considered replacement plan outlined.
- Take a comprehensive, coordinated approach and reject piecemeal changes that could have negative consequences.
- Find a non-partisan path forward.

## 100 + groups from 64 counties

business, health care provider, consumer, disability and advocacy groups from across the political spectrum

## Colorado is dedicated to continuing to improve health care.

### INCREASED COVERAGE



### MORE CARE

- People who didn't get needed doctor care due to cost dropped by nearly 2% in two years
- People who didn't get needed dental care due to cost dropped by more than 2% in two years



### IMPROVED QUALITY & CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

- Coloradans have coverage for pre-existing conditions
- Colorado kids can stay on their parent's insurance until they are 26 • Preventative care is free
- 90 clinical practices across Colorado are participating in a \$65 million effort to improve the quality and efficiency of care



### HELP FOR RURAL AREAS

- 235,000 Coloradans use Connect for Health Colorado for insurance • 17% are in rural counties • Half receive subsidies • Medicaid covers 182,000 people or 26% of residents in 47 rural counties • In 9 of those counties Medicaid covers 40 percent or more • In Costilla County, Medicaid covers 56%



### ECONOMIC BENEFIT

- The cost of uncompensated care fell from \$699 million in 2013 to \$320 million in 2014
- Medicaid expansion created 31,074 jobs, increased economic activity by \$3.8 billion and raised average annual household earnings by more than \$600





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### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Providers, markets, state and local governments and people need time to plan for change in their health care and in the market. While they are planning for that change, they need stability and certainty.

***The Colorado Health Policy Coalition endorses the following principles for any changes to the federal framework:***



Expand choice, affordability and competition in private markets, while maintaining consumer protections.



Promote stability in the market in order to help control costs.



Recognize that promoting access to care at the right time in the right setting by ensuring access to coverage has benefits for people, the health care system and our economy.



Don't adopt strategies that shift cost from the federal government to state budgets without sufficient and sustained federal funding or create an uneven playing field in the health care market.



Protect the most vulnerable populations.



Empower rural communities.



Encourage health care transformation at the state and community levels with continued federal investment to lower the cost and improve quality of health care.