



# Colorado Health Policy Coalition

## Background

The Colorado Health Policy Coalition (CHPC) is a cross-sector coalition of organizations engaged in health policy in Colorado. The CHPC has been working together since November of 2016 to communicate shared values and principles in health policy to Colorado's policy makers. The strength and value in the work has lied primarily in the broad and diverse coalition of stakeholders at the table speaking with one voice.

## Advancing Health Equity in Colorado

Through the Colorado Health Policy Coalition, our state's health care stakeholders stand united to advance health equity in Colorado, which exists when everyone can achieve optimal health. Structural discrimination and economic hardship impact health outcomes in ways that are unjust and that compromise the strength of our communities. Understanding – through measurement and community engagement – how health reform efforts impact health equity is necessary to ensure that overall health improvements serve to reverse health inequities.

The Colorado Health Policy Coalition offers our hand in partnership to our state's leaders in engaging in health system transformation efforts that achieve health equity.

The Coalition seeks to advance health equity in Colorado by prioritizing all four goals of the Quadruple Aim:

1. **Patient Health.** Optimize the patient experience by reducing confusion in our health system and empowering consumers to make their own health care decisions. Services should be responsive to social and economic barriers to health, trauma-informed, unbiased, and culturally competent.
2. **Population Health.** Improve population health by placing greater emphasis on preventive care, delivering comprehensive, integrated care at the right time and in the right setting, coordinating care, and addressing social and economic barriers to health. Underlying inequities should be studied and impact on inequities should be measured.
3. **Reducing Costs.** Drive sustainability by ensuring appropriate utilization of high-value health care services, increasing operational efficiencies, optimizing resources, and implementing value-based care models. Cost-cutting efforts must not compromise access to high-quality health care for *all* Coloradans.
4. **Care Team Well-Being.** Prioritize therapeutic relationships and combat provider burnout by shrinking administrative burden and implementing value-based payment structures that give providers the flexibility to deliver person- and family-centered care. Family caregivers must be supported, workforce shortages must be remedied and providers serving communities harmed by inequities must receive adequate investment.



## Accountability

We hold ourselves accountable by answering the following questions about our work:



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- 1) Does the effort improve access to high-quality health care and improved health outcomes for *all* Coloradans, including those disadvantaged by health inequities?
- 2) Does the effort meet the intent of the Quadruple Aim without compromising the integrity of any of its four aims?
- 3) Has the potential for negative impacts on communities harmed by health inequities been evaluated and avoided?
- 4) If the effort impacts providers serving populations impacted by health inequities, are those providers properly resourced?
- 5) Will the impact of the effort be on health inequities be measured and tracked over time?
- 6) Were the communities and individuals served by the health system, including those harmed by health inequities, engaged in the design of the effort?

## Membership

The Colorado Health Policy Coalition is a broad-based coalition of organizations representing consumer advocates, public health, all types of health care providers, health systems and philanthropy. There is no formal commitment required to participate in the coalition, everyone is welcome. Below is a list of the 60 organizations participating in the Colorado Health Policy Coalition as of January 1, 2021.

Alzheimer's Association, Colorado Chapter	Colorado Nonprofit Association
American Academy of Pediatrics, Colorado	Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and
American Cancer Society in Colorado	Colorado Regional Health Information Organization
Bell Policy Center	Colorado Trust
Boulder County	Community Health Partnership
Caring for Colorado	Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation
Children's Hospital Colorado	Denver Chamber of Commerce
Center for Health Progress	Denver Health and Hospital Authority
Clinica Colorado	Health District of Northern Larimer County
Chronic Condition Collaborative	Hunger Free Colorado
Colorado Academy of Family Physicians	Jefferson Center for Mental Health
Colorado Access	Kaiser Permanente
Colorado Association of Health Plans	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Mountain Region
Colorado Association for School Based Health	Live Well Colorado
Colorado Behavioral Health Council	Mile High Health Alliance
Colorado Center on Law and Policy	Mile High United Way
Colorado Children's Campaign	Mindsprings Health
Colorado Children's Health Access Program	Nine New Health Fair
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	North East Health Partners



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Colorado Consumer Health Initiative  
Colorado Cross Disability Coalition  
Colorado Fiscal Institute  
Colorado Health Institute  
Colorado Health Foundation  
Community Health Partnerships  
Colorado Hospital Association  
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition  
Colorado Institute for Family Medicine  
Colorado Medical Society

North Range Behavioral Health Partners  
One Colorado  
Planned Parenthood Hood of the Rocky Mountains  
Progress Now Colorado  
Rocky Mountain Health Plans  
Rose Community Foundation  
Stride Community Health Center  
Tri-County Health Department  
Tri County Health Network  
UCHealth  
University of Colorado School of Medicine - CU Anschutz