



COLORADO FACT SHEET

AAFP on Health Reform

The AAFP believes that policies should be adopted to ensure continued progress towards health care for all supported by a payment system that rewards value over volume of service. The health system should promote prevention and wellness, protect patients from financial barriers to needed services and build a primary care physician workforce that can meet the growing demand for care. The AAFP has a number of policymaker resources regarding these issues that can be found at http://www.aafp.org/advocacy/act/policy_resources.html.

Colorado Family Medicine

- There are 2,217 family physicians in Colorado.
- Colorado has 12 family medicine residency programs.
- Colorado has 73 medically underserved areas/populations.
- 4.9% of the residents in Colorado live in a health professional shortage area.

Medicaid in Colorado

- In 2015, 19 percent of people in Colorado were covered by Medicaid/CHIP.
- Medicaid/CHIP enrollment increased by 600,000 between 2013 and 2016.
- Colorado's uninsured rate decreased from 12% in 2013 to 9% in 2015.
- In Colorado, 80 percent of adult and child Medicaid enrollees live in households with at least one worker.
- In Colorado, 34 percent of Medicaid spending is for Medicare beneficiaries.¹

Impact of Health Reform Repeal with no Replacement in Colorado

- 588,000 people in the state of Colorado would lose their health coverage.²
- Loss of \$33.3 billion in federal funding.
 - Federal marketplace spending on Colorado would decrease by \$223 million in 2019 and \$2.5 billion between 2019 and 2028.
 - Federal Medicaid funding in Colorado would decrease by \$2.5 billion in 2019 and \$30.9 billion between 2019 and 2028.³
- In Colorado, 753,000 non-elderly adults have a declinable preexisting condition.
 - This represents 22% of non-elderly adults in the state.⁴
- In Colorado, the cost of uncompensated care would increase by \$1.35 billion.⁵

¹ *Medicaid State Fact Sheets*. (2017, January 26). Retrieved from <http://kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/>

² *Impact of Affordable Care Act Repeal* (2016, December 7) Retrieved from <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/impact-of-affordable-care-act-repeal>

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⁴ Claxton, Gary, Cynthia Cox, Anthony Damico, Larry Levitt, and Karen Pollitz. (2016, December 12) *Pre-existing Conditions and Medical Underwriting in the Individual Insurance Market Prior to the ACA*. Retrieved from <http://kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/pre-existing-conditions-and-medical-underwriting-in-the-individual-insurance-market-prior-to-the-aca/>

⁵ Buettgens, Matthew, Linda Blumberg, John Holahan, and Siyabonga Ndwandwe. (2016, June) *The Cost of ACA Repeal*. Retrieved from <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/81296/2000806-The-Cost-of-the-ACA-Repeal.pdf>

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