

Why Including Self-Insured Employer Data in the CO All Payer Claims Database (APCD) is Essential to Lowering Health Care Costs and Improving the Health of Coloradans

Benefits Employers and Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enables employers to negotiate better rates for health care services with their brokers by comparing self-insured health care prices with the fully insured market. ○ Helps employers understand the differences between negotiated rates for services and procedures in order to select high value benefit products for their organization. ○ Gives employees access to trusted, actionable information on the prices, quality and value of doctors, hospitals and treatments. ○ Increases employee's ability to "shop" for health care services from CIVHC's free website (www.comedprice.org) ○ Informs employers of opportunities to lower health care costs so employers can focus on their core business strategies.
Benefits Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allows for better control of health insurance premiums which can result in more resources for job growth and boosting economic growth. ○ Captures a missing piece of insured lives in Colorado. DORA estimates that 30% of all Coloradans (1.6 million) have health benefits through an ERISA or self-insured plan. ○ Aligns with other statewide APCD strategies in the nation. Currently 11 of the 14 state APCDs collect self-insured data for the benefit of their residents. ○ Drives healthy competition amongst health care facilities and providers by providing unique price and quality information. ○ Allows for greater provider based reporting especially in communities with a high concentration of self-insured employers.
CO Employers Can Take Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boulder Valley School District and Cigna have already successfully provided their data to the Colorado APCD to improve health care benefits for their employees.
How You Can Help and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please send a letter of support to Executive Director Susan Birch at (susan.birch@state.co.us) by June 22nd, 2015 at the department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) and include Amy McMaster, amcmaster@civhc.org. (CIVHC can provide you with a template to customize with your letterhead) ○ Email questions to Amy McMaster with CIVHC at amcmaster@civhc.org. ○ Proposed self-funded rule change rule hearing: June 29th, 2015
<p>Thank you for your help and we look forward to working with you!</p>	