

A New Path Forward in Health Care

The “new normal in health care” should drive better health outcomes, access, and equity for Coloradans, whether they are covered by private insurance or public programs like Medicaid. It should help achieve Governor Polis’s goal of saving Coloradans money on health care, while also improving health care affordability for employers and Medicaid. It should further reduce provider burden and enhance delivery system performance. To achieve these goals, we should maximize innovations, transparency, stakeholder engagement and collaboration.



POLICYMAKERS

State & Federal Legislators,
Local Government Officials,
Advocates



PAYERS

Medicare, Medicaid,
Insurance Carriers,
Employers



PROVIDERS

Clinicians, Health Care
Administrators, Facilities



CONSUMERS

Patients, Families,
Coloradans

	Initiative	Owner
Improving Community Access, Affordability & Health Outcomes	Strengthen comprehensive primary care through eConsults and alternate payment methodologies.	\$👤
	Connect patients and families to community resources that help them improve their health.	\$👤❤️
	Help patients navigate to the right specialist when needed through eConsults and thoughtful referrals to higher-performing providers (better outcomes, yet more affordable).	\$👤
	Ensure the efficient use of Emergency Rooms by educating patients on alternatives like telehealth, urgent care and nurse advice lines.	👤\$👤❤️
	Improve equitable access to affordable physical and behavioral care by building out telehealth infrastructure and policy.	👤\$👤
	Reduce unnecessary procedures and low-value care by connecting providers to effective cost and quality tools.	\$👤
	Maximize innovations to improve affordability and quality outcomes while reducing provider burden.	👤\$👤
	Increase use of value based payments to incentivize affordability, clinical innovation and improved patient outcomes.	\$👤
Reducing Prescription Drug Costs	Provide prescribers with access to evidence-based guidance and patient specific tools that improve affordability and patient health and reduce opioid addiction.	\$👤
	Use experts, programs and value based payments to ensure proper utilization of emerging high cost specialty drugs.	👤\$👤
	Maximize transparency and public reporting to study and impact prescription drug costs and policy.	👤\$👤
	Connect employers to prescription drug best practices that reduce drug costs through discounts, rebates and other factors.	👤\$
	Import drugs from Canada and other countries so the US is not paying the highest prices the world.	👤\$👤❤️
Hospital Value & Sustainability	Publicly report insights into hospital financials and community investments that drive affordability policies, improve access to efficient delivery systems and support community health.	👤\$👤❤️
	Invest in rural hospitals to improve sustainability, increase access to care, address health disparities, and improve outcomes in rural communities.	👤👤❤️
Achieving Health Equity	Review all policies and practices through an equity lens to thoughtfully address health disparities.	👤\$👤❤️
	Design policies that promote people over profits.	👤\$👤
	Lead statewide reform to improve the mental health and substance use system by implementing the Behavioral Health Blueprint.	👤\$👤