

SUPPORT HB23-1209

ANALYZE STATEWIDE PUBLICLY FINANCED HEALTH-CARE

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The Statewide Healthcare System Study will conduct a detailed analysis of the feasibility of creating a publicly financed, privately delivered universal healthcare system in Colorado, including how to finance this system, and the impact to the economic sector. This study is not meant to prescribe a solution to Colorado's healthcare crisis, but to holistically study the costs and delivery of healthcare in our state. HB23-1209 will answer:

- What could a universal healthcare system in Colorado look like?
- What would be the impacts to the healthcare workforce?
- What would the impacts be to individual and community health?
- Where are the current gaps in healthcare and how could a single-payer system address these gaps?

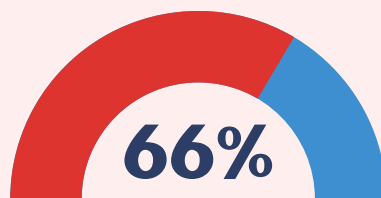
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COLORADANS DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, AND

600,000

ARE UNDER-INSURED.

Many Coloradans with insurance can't afford to get care because of high deductibles, copays, required prior authorizations, and surprise billing.



A 2022 survey found that $\frac{2}{3}$ of Coloradans characterized the cost of healthcare as a "very serious" problem.

What do we know?

HB19-1176 The Health Care Cost Savings Act created a Task Force supported by the experts at the Colorado School of Public Health, that was charged with conducting an unbiased and nonpartisan study on:

- The current Colorado health care financing system in which residents receive health care coverage from private insurers and public programs or are uninsured,
- A multi-payer universal health care system in which all residents of Colorado are covered under a plan with a mandated set of benefits that is publicly and privately funded, and also paid for by employer and employee contributions, and
- A publicly financed and privately delivered universal health care system that directly compensates providers.

In September 2021, the CO General Assembly received the report from HB19-1176. The report found that "a fully publicly financed and privately delivered health care system could yield significant healthcare savings."

So, what's next?

We know that Coloradans need affordable and comprehensive healthcare, but there isn't a clear path to a solution. Our state has significant data around the opportunities and barriers of a universal health care system, but we have more to do. **HB23-1209 Analyze Statewide Publicly Finances Health-care is the next logical step.**