

# SUPPORT HB24-1075

## ANALYSIS OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH-CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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The Statewide Health Care System Study will provide a detailed analysis of the feasibility of creating a publicly financed, privately delivered universal health care payment system in Colorado, including how to finance this system, and the impact on the economic sector. This study is not meant to prescribe a solution to Colorado's health care crisis, but to holistically study the costs and delivery of health care in our state. HB24-1075 will answer:

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

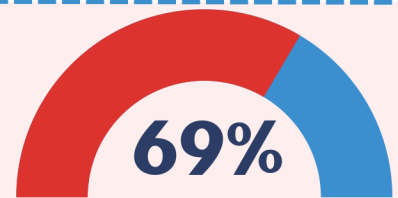
**379,184\***

\*Colorado Health Institute, 2021

**COLORADANS DO NOT HAVE  
HEALTH INSURANCE. AND**

- Nearly half of Coloradans have put off recommended medical care because their insurance denied it, they couldn't afford it, or they couldn't access care where they lived.
- Younger adults, Latinx adults, and people with low incomes report the most concern about paying for care.
- Six in 10 Coloradans want big, fundamental changes to our health care system.

Source: How Coloradans Feel About Affordability and Health Reform, 2022



A 2023 survey found that almost 7/10 Coloradans characterized the cost of health care and mental health care as "extremely" or "very serious" concerns.

[www.copulsepoll.org/results](http://www.copulsepoll.org/results)

### 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 to conduct an unbiased and nonpartisan comparison of Colorado's current health-care financing system with a multi-payer universal health care system that included private insurers and a publicly financed and privately delivered universal health-care payment system that directly compensates providers. The Task Force's 2021 report to the General Assembly found that "a fully publicly financed and privately delivered (universal) health care system could yield significant health care savings."

### So, what's next?

We know that Coloradans need affordable and comprehensive health care, but there isn't a clear path to a solution. Our state has significant data on the opportunities and barriers of a universal health care payment system, but we have more to do. **HB24-1075 Analysis of Universal Health-Care Payment System is the next logical step.**

