

# Federal Health Care Reform 2017 Project Plan



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### PROJECT PLAN FOR ACTION

#### **Federal Health Care Reform: Navigating a Shifting Policy Landscape:**

The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress convened on January 3, 2017, with health care reform, including a potential repeal and replace of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and significant Medicare reforms as a high priority. The 2016 election cycle outcomes ensure continuation of a commercial-public sector, multi-payer coverage scheme for the U.S. and Colorado. Single payer and the public option are no longer politically viable in the current US Congress. Because health care reform has been a strategic priority for at least 20 years, CMS has been positioning since the November 2016 elections and board meeting to be a CMS member-reflective, proactive and positive force on the impending debate.

**Goal:** Ensure that all Coloradans have coverage and access to high-quality, affordable health care.

**Objective:** Maintain or increase current levels of coverage and address dysfunction in the commercial-public, multi-payer system during 2017 congressional debate on ACA replacement and Medicare reform

#### Strategies:

1. Keep the voice of physicians at the reform “table” throughout the debate at both the federal and state level.
2. Convey to the Colorado Congressional Delegation CMS health care reform guiding principles and policies and member survey data from 2016 demonstrating the dysfunction in the current multi-payer system.
3. Ensure that CMS is an on-going resource to all Colorado Congressional Delegation members during health care reform discussions. Provide real-time input to the Colorado Congressional Delegation through all-member survey(s) or other means.

Build alliances and work in coalitions, such as the Colorado Health Policy Coalition convened by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, to advance common purposes and to help shape the federal conversation about the future of health care in America. Coordinate closely with the American Medical Association and other organized medicine partners.