

CMS Firearm Policy Crosswalk – October 2018

Issue	Current Policy	Proposed Central Line Policy	Comments
Public health crisis	Recognizes firearm deaths as a public health crisis (325.982)		
Research on firearm accidents and deaths	– Calls for more federal and state research and funding for that research on firearm accidents and deaths (325.973)		
Mental health	– Strengthen mental health checks at purchase (325.975) – Supports expanded access to mental health care (325.973) – Supports development of standardized mental health assessments for potential violent behavior (325.973)		
Zero-tolerance school violence	– Encourages providers to collaborate on creation of school violence prevention programs (325.982)		
Education and awareness	- Supports education and awareness campaigns about dangers of firearms (325.982) – Supports “free and open” communication with patients about firearm safety (325.973) – Encourages physicians to educate patients about firearm safety every time there is an opportunity (325.982) – Encourages physicians to utilize evidence-based research about safety to educate patients (325.973) – Encourages awareness about traits that may indicate an individual could be capable of violence (325.982) – Encourages physician participation in local firearm safety classes (325.973)		
Gun locks	– Supports communication with patients about use of gun locks (325.973) – Encourages local projects for distribution of low-cost gun locks (325.973)		
Enforcement of existing laws	Supports enforcement of firearm safety and control laws (325.982)		
Firearm crimes	Supports efforts to increase penalties for those that commit crimes with firearms (325.982)		

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Universal background checks	Reinstitute universal background checks (325.975)		Under current CO law a background check is required for all private transfer of firearms which must be conducted through a licensed firearm dealer.
Regulating the ownership, sale and distribution of firearms	– Support enactment of “reasonable laws” that regulate the sale and distribution of firearms (325.982)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Require the licensure of firearm owners – Require firearm safety training – Require registration of all firearms – Restrict the sale and private ownership of “inexpensive” handguns – Restrict sale and private ownership of large clip, high-rate-of-fire automatic and semi-automatic firearms, or any weapon that is modified or redesigned to operate as a large clip, high-rate-of-fire automatic or semi-automatic weapon – Ban sale and private ownership of all assault-type weapons, bump stocks and related devices, high capacity magazines and armor piercing bullets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conceal carry permit requires demonstration of competence. – Colorado prohibits gun registration. – Magazines holding more than 15 rounds may not be sold, transferred, or possessed in CO unless they were lawfully owned prior to 7/1/13 – Denver, Vail and Boulder have bans on assault weapons.
Concealed carry		– Support local law enforcement ability to make concealed carry permit decisions	– Current law enables law enforcement to limit the issuance of concealed carry permits based upon certain criteria .
Restraining orders, red flags laws and due process		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Support restraining orders for those arrested or convicted of domestic violence or stalking – Supports red-flag laws that allow guns to be temporarily taken away from someone who is a significant risk to themselves or to others – Supports due process so that individuals can work through the courts to restore rights. 	