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Dear Ana,

On behalf of our 100-plus member hospitals and health systems across the state, I am writing to express Colorado Hospital Association's concern with the recently released CIVHC Affordability Dashboard. Coloradans, employers, and the government continue to seek greater value for their health care dollars. Concerns around the affordability of health care continue to grow as overall health care spending continues to rise. As currently designed, the CIVHC Affordability Dashboard provides limited information on health care spending categories for the data obtained by CIVHC and does not provide a useful context of health care affordability for consumers and other stakeholders. While health care affordability can be difficult to define, fundamentally, it is a function of income, spending, and an assessment of the value of goods and services received for the payments provided.

Colorado hospitals and health systems are committed to continuing to advance affordability and value of health care for Coloradans, and efforts in recent years are already showing results. As recently reported in the Commonwealth Fund 2020 Scorecard on State Health System Performance, Colorado ranked sixth best in the United States, including measures of access and affordability; prevention and treatment; avoidable use and cost; healthy lives; and income disparity.

As always, CHA remains a dedicated and collaborative partner in improving meaningful, accurate, and comprehensive information for consumers and policymakers. To further our collective goals of improving transparency and value of health care in Colorado, we ask CIVHC provide more comprehensive reporting when designing and developing "affordability" dashboards.

Sincerely,

Tom Rennell
CHA Senior Vice President