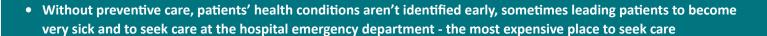# How Facility Fees Support Preventive Care

To keep Coloradans healthy, it's essential that patients have access to preventive care to identify potential health issues and to keep patients out of the hospital unless it's absolutely necessary.

Preventive Care

- **Preventive care keeps Coloradans healthy**
  - ✓ **Cancer screenings (e.g., mammograms, colonoscopies)**
  - ✓ **Vaccines (e.g., flu, pneumonia)**
  - ✓ **Behavioral and mental health screenings**
  - ✓ **Well-child visits and immunizations**
  - ✓ **Contraception and screening for sexually transmitted infections**

- **Without preventive care, patients' health conditions aren't identified early, sometimes leading patients to become very sick and to seek care at the hospital emergency department - the most expensive place to seek care**

- **Might include provider** *(billed as a professional fee)* **but likely also includes other care team like radiology techs, nurses, lab techs** *(paid for by hospital facility fee)*

- **Preventive care = lower costs for everyone by identifying health concerns early, before patients are really sick**

- **Crucial part of health care continuum, to identify and manage chronic conditions**

- **State-regulated insurance plans cover total cost of preventive services, so patients have no financial responsibility for this care**

Without access to preventive care, Coloradans will struggle to access the right level of care in the right location at the right time. This happened recently during the COVID-19 pandemic when patients either couldn't access care (during stay-at-home orders) or they were hesitant to seek care.

Keeping Coloradans healthy requires a robust preventive care system – and hospitals are an essential piece of that puzzle.