

Optimizing Medicaid

New Federal Funding & Stronger Medicaid Program for Colorado

A Win-Win Proposal

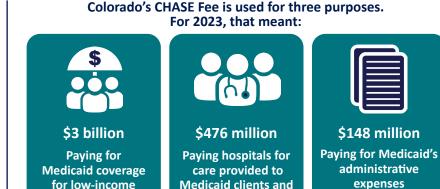
For 15 years, the hospital provider fee (i.e., CHASE fee) program has ensured **Medicaid coverage for hundreds** of thousands of Coloradans by drawing down billions in federal funds, while also supporting and stabilizing hospitals statewide.

Colorado now has an **opportunity to optimize this program, all within its current framework and guidelines, by drawing down at least an additional \$150 million** to support Medicaid patients and hospitals.

This *win-win proposal* will protect patients' access to care and help stabilize our health care infrastructure with no new investment from the state's budget.

What is it?

The Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Fee leverages federal funding to support Medicaid, a critically important safety net health care program. It has enabled Colorado to expand Medicaid to more than 600,000 people and significantly support state administrative costs. CHASE is overseen by a governor-appointed board consisting of hospital and health care experts, consumers, and HCPF.



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What can we do?

Now is the time to **modernize and evolve the CHASE Fee.** We can substantially increase federal Medicaid revenue without any cost to the state budget by:

Coloradans

- Using a new "State Directed Payment" to maximize federal funding for Colorado's Medicaid managed care program
- Refreshing and improving the CHASE program without changes to non-hospital funding allocations

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