



## Oppose Government Rate Setting | Vote **NO** on HB 25-1174

**Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Medical Society, and Colorado Association of Health Plans stand united in opposition to HB 25-1174, which would set a dangerous precedent in Colorado.**

House Bill (HB) 25-1174 will harm consumers, reduce access to care, drive up costs, disrupt innovation, and stifle competition. Legislators must vote down reckless proposals that use arbitrary government price controls in place of real solutions. HB 25-1174 does not achieve the goal of bringing immediate – or comprehensive – relief to the entire health care safety net.

### Rate setting:

<b>Harms patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces access to care and drives providers out of network</li> <li>• Limits competition and undermines innovation in value-based care</li> <li>• Increases insurance premiums outside of the state employee or small business plans</li> </ul>
<b>Harms employers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drives up costs for employer-sponsored insurance, impacting nearly 60 percent of Coloradans</li> <li>• Shrinks the small group market as employers move to self-insured plans</li> <li>• Damages the ability to provide comprehensive benefits and erodes flexibility</li> </ul>
<b>Harms the health care safety net</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuts hospital payments by \$160 million per year when 70 percent of Colorado’s hospitals are already financially vulnerable</li> <li>• Fails to help safety net providers now; speculative savings will not be available until at least 2027</li> <li>• Does nothing to address the urgent need to re-enroll half a million Coloradans in Medicaid or staunch surges in uncompensated care</li> <li>• Ignores the problem of inadequate payments from public insurers</li> </ul>

Already under extraordinary stress, Colorado’s health care safety net also faces grave uncertainty regarding federal funding. HB 25-1174 is the wrong answer to a big problem. To truly help clinics, hospitals, and other providers that make up Colorado’s health care safety net, legislators need to address the state’s Medicaid enrollment failures – not deplete resources from one part of the network to save another.

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