

History & Structure of Colorado's Hospital Provider Fee



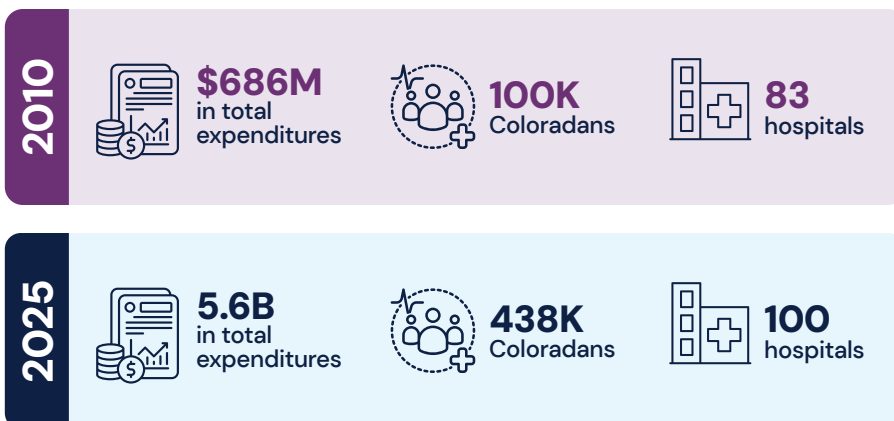
Colorado's hospital provider fee has a 15+ year track record of bipartisan support and has served to fund significant portions of the state's Medicaid expansion – but hasn't had a policy update since it began.

HB 09-1293 passed with 30+ bipartisan co-sponsors and was signed into law April 21, 2009.

Colorado opted into Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid expansion in 2013 (SB 13-200), leveraging the existing fee to fund newly eligible populations.

Why We Use "Provider Fees" Instead of "Provider Taxes"

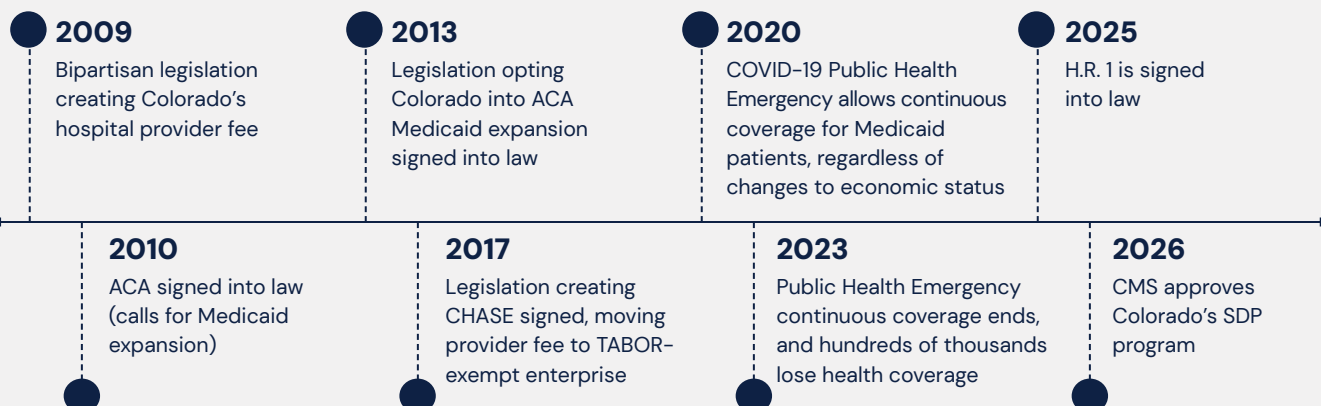
At the federal level, the terms "provider tax" and "provider fee" are used interchangeably. In Colorado, there is a legal difference between taxes and fees. Due diligence has been done to ensure this is a fee in the state of Colorado.



In 2017, the fee moved into the CHASE enterprise (SB 17-267) to shield the program from TABOR spending limits.

Program size has grown roughly eightfold, from \$686 million in total expenditures (2010) to \$5.6 billion (2025), covering 438,000 Coloradans, up from an original population of 100,000.

Milestone Timeline



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