

# The State of Health

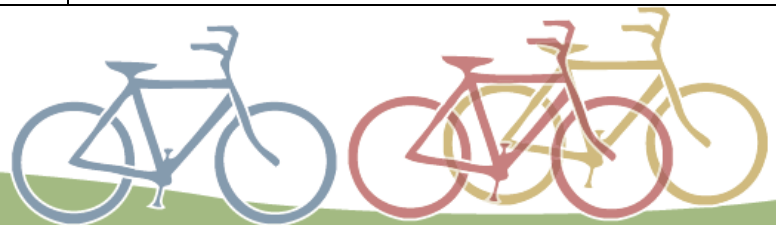
COLORADO'S COMMITMENT TO BECOME THE HEALTHIEST STATE

Office of Gov. John Hickenlooper, April 2013

We have the opportunity to **make Colorado the healthiest state** by building on our collective strengths of innovation and collaboration. Colorado's existing healthcare system is unsustainable, and too often, individuals are not receiving the right care at the right time in the right care setting. We must build a **comprehensive and person-centered statewide system** that addresses a broad range of health needs, delivers the **best care** at the **best value**, and helps Coloradans achieve the **best health** possible. *The State of Health* is a declaration of our administration's commitment to making Colorado the healthiest state and outlines the following initiatives where we can have the greatest impact:

<p><b>Promoting Prevention &amp; Wellness</b> <i>helping individuals stay healthy or become healthier</i></p>	<p><b>Expanding Coverage, Access &amp; Capacity</b> <i>ensuring individuals can access care at the right time and the right place</i></p>
<p><b>Tackle Obesity Among Youth and Adults</b> - Prevent nearly 150,000 Coloradans from becoming obese, improve support for bicycling, and grow Pedal The Plains</p> <p><b>Support Improved Mental Health</b> - Improve behavioral health data collection</p> <p><b>Support Reductions in Substance Abuse</b> - Prevent 92,000 from misusing prescription drugs</p> <p><b>Improve Oral Health of Coloradans</b> - Ensure 7,500 Colorado children visit a dentist before age one and increase fluoridation</p> <p><b>Encourage Wellness Among State Employees</b> - Engage 50 percent of state employees in health risk assessments and encourage chronic disease prevention and management programs</p>	<p><b>Expand Public and Private Health Insurance Coverage</b> - Reduce uninsured by expanding public and private insurance coverage to 520,000</p> <p><b>Strengthen Colorado's Health Workforce</b> - Modernize our workforce and prepare for future needs</p> <p><b>Close Gaps in Access to Primary Care and Other Health Services</b> - Recruit and retain 148 additional providers and provide broadband network access to 400 rural and urban hospitals</p>
<p><b>Improving Health System Integration &amp; Quality</b> <i>eliminating barriers to better care and improving our ability to work effectively within and across systems to ensure person-centered care</i></p>	<p><b>Enhancing Value &amp; Strengthening Sustainability</b> <i>redesigning financial incentives and infrastructure to focus on quality and value, not volume</i></p>
<p><b>Expand Use of Patient-Centered Medical Homes</b> - Connect 555,000 to a patient-centered medical home</p> <p><b>Support Access to State Information and Services</b> - Facilitate data-sharing agreements between state agencies and nongovernmental partners</p> <p><b>Support Better Behavioral Health Through Integration</b> - Integrate physical and behavioral health systems</p> <p><b>Improve Access to Community-Based Long-Term Services and Supports</b> - Transition 500 individuals from long-term care institutions to community settings of their choice</p>	<p><b>Achieve Cost Containment in Medicaid</b> - Reduce Medicaid costs by \$280 million</p> <p><b>Advance Payment Reform in the Public and Private Sectors</b> - Develop payment reform pathways</p> <p><b>Invest in Health Information Technology</b> - Ensure most Coloradans are served by providers with Electronic Health Records and connected to Health Information Exchange</p>

Learn more and read the full report at [www.colorado.gov/stateofhealth](http://www.colorado.gov/stateofhealth)



"We hope you will join us. We need your voice, your participation, and your commitment to make Colorado the healthiest state." Gov. John Hickenlooper