



February 6, 2019

Representative Susan Lontine, Chair
House Committee on Health and Insurance

Re: HB19-1127 (Garnett and Lontine) – Lieutenant Governor Concurrent State Service

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Colorado Access would like to express support for HB19-1127. As a Health First (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) health plan covering over 500,000 members in Colorado, we support the creation of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care to be led by the Honorable Lieutenant Governor, Dianne Primavera. We are particularly supportive of the creation of the interdepartmental Health Care Cabinet charged with increasing alignment, efficiency and program coordination among the Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Human Services (DHS), Regulatory Agencies and Personnel and Administration as outlined in Executive Order B 20198 003 to be a function of this new office.

In our role as a Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) under the state's Health First Accountable Care Collaborative program, our responsibilities are overseen by many of the Departments that will be part of this Health Care Cabinet. Some particular areas of alignment that would be served by this cabinet include behavioral health services and benefits between HCPF and DHS such as care for children in foster care as well as provider data collection and reporting requirements including the Colorado Client Assessment Record (CCAR). In addition, greater strategic alignment between HCPF and CDPHE can support more effective population health initiatives in our communities. The focus on improving access to primary care and behavioral health care services is a key component of the RAE and CHP+ contracts and can be supported by a statewide focus on these shared goals. We are also excited about this Office's stated intention to improve health in Colorado by promoting public health and addressing social determinants of health. These are areas where multidisciplinary efforts and solutions are needed and we look forward to collaborating with the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care to take on these important and challenging issues.

I encourage the committee to support the passage of HB19-1127.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. McGinnis".

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