



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Insurance

SB25-193: Continuation of the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative

Sponsors: Senators Mullica and Ball, Reps. Garcia Sander and McCormick

What will this bill do?

SB25-193 continues the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaboration (PCPRC) for another seven years, until September 1, 2032, and changes the sunset review process.

What is the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative?

The Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative was established by the legislature in 2019 with the goal of increasing investment in primary care, to ensure all Coloradans are able to get the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

- Primary care can enhance life expectancy, improve health outcomes, decrease health disparities, and, importantly, lower health care costs.^{1,2}
- States that invest more in primary care have fewer emergency room visits and avoidable hospitalizations.³

What are some of the PCPRC's accomplishments?

- The PCPRC developed a definition of primary care that has been adopted by the Division and codified in state statute, and allows the state to measure and track primary care spending.
- The PCPRC recommended a primary care investment target for commercial carriers in Colorado, which the Division adopted via regulation.
- The PCPRC identified key areas for the alignment of alternative payment models for primary care, including quality measures, which were codified in state statute and subsequently implemented by the Division via regulation.

Why should the PCPRC be continued?

- Primary care is foundational to a highly functioning health care system. The PCPRC is a multi-stakeholder table that allows experts to develop and recommend strategies to strengthen and improve access to high-quality primary care in Colorado.
- By bringing together public and private payers, the PCPRC promotes the alignment of value-based payment approaches that are crucial in supporting primary care providers' ability to deliver high-quality care.
- As a nation and as a state, we continue to underinvest in primary care. The PCPRC is an important forum to ensure Colorado is exploring policies so all Coloradans can access high-quality care.

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¹ Jabbarpour Y, Jetty A, Byun H, Siddiqi A, Park J. The Health of US Primary Care 2025 Scorecard—The Cost of Neglect How Chronic Underinvestment in Primary Care Is Failing US Patients. Milbank Memorial Fund and The Physicians Foundation. <https://www.milbank.org/publications/the-health-of-us-primary-care-2025-scorecard-report-the-cost-of-neglect/>. Published February 18, 2025.

² NASEM. Implementing high-quality primary care: rebuilding the foundation of health care. <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/implementing-high-quality-primary-care>. Published 2021.

³ Jabbarpour Y, Greiner A, Jetty A, et al. Investing in primary care: a state-level analysis. Robert Graham Center. <https://www.graham-center.org/content/dam/rgc/documents/publications-reports/reports/Investing-Primary-Care-State-Level-PCMH-Report.pdf>. Published July 2019.