

Testimony before House HHS committee on HB25B-1015:

My name is Lloyd Benes representing myself and asking you to please vote YES on HB25-1015.

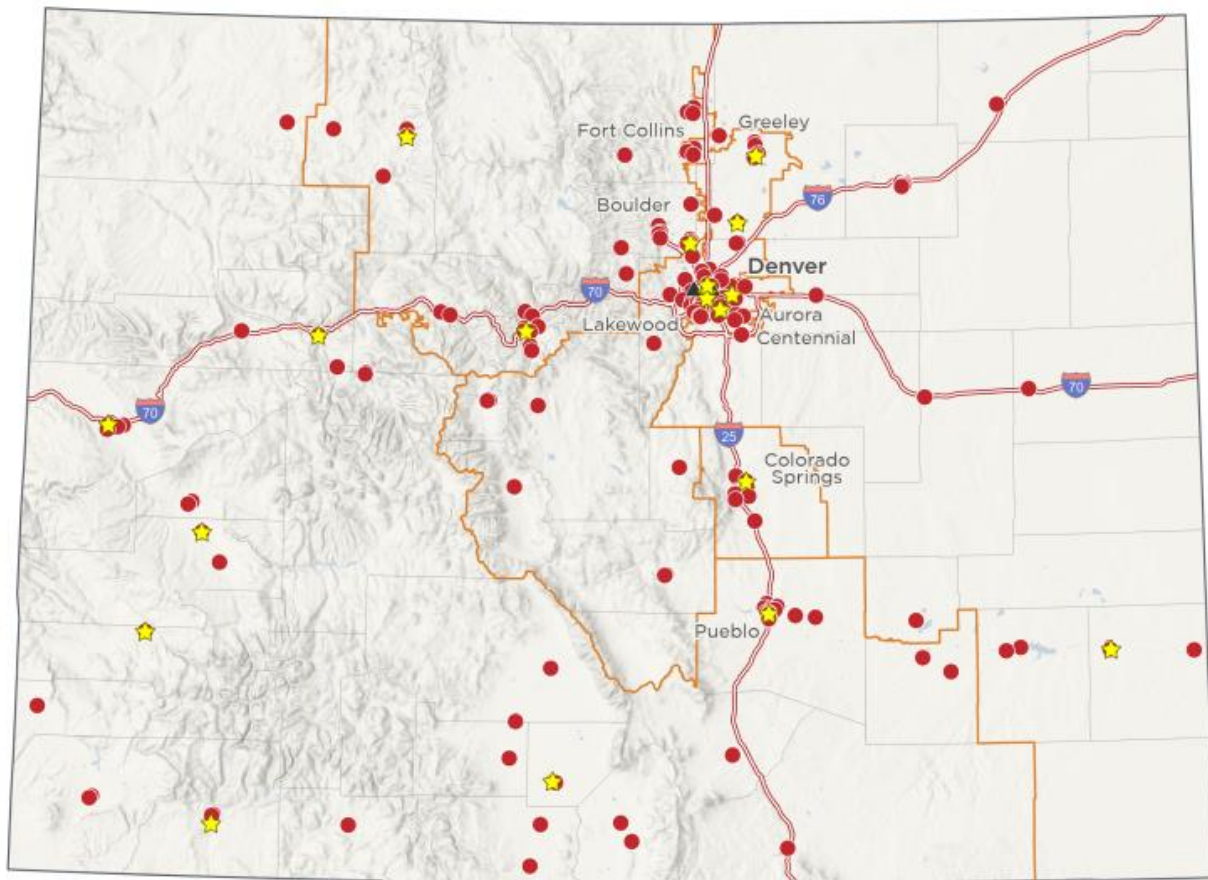
The state of Colorado should not use tax-payer funding to support any manner of medical procedures by Planned Parenthood because that money could be used to support comprehensive medical care for Coloradoans which Planned Parenthood does not provide. For example, there are over 250 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in Colorado (tinyurl.com/ym4jnveu) and on average In [2023](#), FQHCs served 15 times as many men and women as PP in 2023, 93 times as many prenatal care patients, twice as many pap smears and tested over 1.6 million women with mammograms in 2023 while PP does not offer mammograms. PP does not offer comprehensive women's healthcare and as the map shows does not come even close to serving rural communities as well as the over 50 FQHCs do in Colorado.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Community Health Centers

COLORADO

251 Health Center Delivery Sites



Funding Planned Parenthood is bad use of Colorado tax-payer money because they are not even required to have any safety standards and inspections like FQHCs (and tattoo-parlors and birthing clinics and veterinary clinics). The claim that "abortion is healthcare" is proven false by this committee's refusal to pass HB1252 on March 11th this year which would have required 2nd & 3rd trimester abortion facilities to have stds

Funding PP is also wrong because of death from their botched abortions exist – even here in Colorado (see Dr Kiri Kasun's testimony before HHS of (tinyurl.com/4bn6f9zf, timestamps 12:09:43 PM) as well as not reporting sex-trafficking - see Maria Tell's testimony about her trafficker bringing her to a Denver PP against her will (go online to "A Courageous Rose" for her information). Additionally, the PP in Ft Collins had 9 occasions in the first 4 months of 2025 where ambulances were called to take young women to Poudre Valley Hospital Let that sink in! There are no ambulances taking women to PP clinics for treatment, only ambulances taking women from PP to hospitals for treatment. In Conclusion: vote Yes on HB25-0015 to prevent PP funding.

Testimony on HB25B-1015,
Preserve Medicaid Health-Care Services

Mister Chair, Members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to advocate for our children and youth. My name is Dawn Fritz. I am Colorado PTA's Director of Legislative Engagement, and I am proud to represent our nation's oldest and largest child advocacy association. Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for **all** children.

Colorado PTA strongly opposes House Bill 1015.

A founding purposes of PTA is to support the wellbeing and safety of all children and youth. Protecting access to necessary healthcare is crucial to their wellbeing and safety. This bill if passed would directly harm children and their families.

PTA recognizes the importance of immigrants in the history of the United States and the resulting blend of cultures enriches our nation. PTA also believes that all children, regardless of their immigration status, have the right of access to quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic **health care**. We support laws and policies that support the general good health, nutrition, emotional well-being, and mental health of **all Colorado children, youth, and their families**. We oppose laws and policies that would deprive children and youth of health care.

Federal, **state**, and local entities have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of children by offering health care and other social services needed in their areas. Longstanding research and studies have shown that denying these services to children, regardless of their immigration status, can endanger communities and create serious health and social concerns

It is in Colorado's best interest to ensure all children, including children in immigrant and mixed status families, have the opportunity to reach their full potential and become productive members of society.

Further, we supported the bill protecting access to gender affirming care because one of Colorado PTA's highest priorities is to support laws and policies that specifically recognize and protect our LGBTQ+ students, families, and staff from discrimination based on their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We believe that our laws should not only ensure equitable access to education and safe school environments — but also ensure equitable access to affirming health care.

The bottom line is this bill would cruelly take away CHILDREN's health care. It would take away access to life saving emergency services for immigrants without documentation. It would take away access to life saving gender affirming care.

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