

Comments Received During Federal Public Comment Period on Colorado 1332 Waiver Amendment
January 3, 2022 through February 2, 2022

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1/27/22

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We are counting on you!

Sincerely,

ASE

Delta, CO 81416

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Sincerely,

WR

Englewood, CO 80111

#3

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I am writing to urge you to approve Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment. This waiver amendment will allow full implementation of the Colorado Option and allow our state to make significant improvements in health coverage affordability and health equity. As a Coloradan who purchases her health insurance on the exchange without subsidies, affordability is critical for myself and many others in our state. I am a stage 4 cancer survivor - going without health insurance, at whatever the price, is not an option.

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Sincerely,

LP

Denver, CO 80203

#4

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I am writing to urge you to approve Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment. This waiver amendment will allow full implementation of the Colorado Option and allow our state to make significant improvements in health coverage affordability and health equity. Something that folks in this state (and my family) need.

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RD

Westminster, CO 80021

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KM

Denver, CO 80202

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How can you NOT do this? Please consider that this waiver is a way of preserving government support without a for profit component!

Sincerely,

FA

Denver, CO 80211

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Sincerely,

YS

Denver, CO 80222

#8

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Sincerely,

JD

Evergreen, CO 80437

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Sincerely,

DK

Arvada, CO 80005

#10

1/27/22

Dear Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure,

I am writing to urge you to approve Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment. I am a social worker and have dedicated my professional life to working with vulnerable populations. Colorado's 1332 waiver would go a long way in bridging the gap by making health care more accessible. This waiver amendment will allow full implementation of the Colorado Option and allow our state to make significant improvements in health coverage affordability and health equity.

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Thank you. We are counting on you!

Sincerely,

EK

Conifer, CO 89433

#11

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Sincerely,

SF

Denver, CO 80230

#12

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I am writing to strongly urge you to approve Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment. This waiver amendment will allow full implementation of the Colorado Option and allow my state to make significant improvements in health coverage affordability and health equity.

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Sincerely,

CM

Denver, CO 80210

#13

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SH

Denver, CO 80207

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EL

Denver, CO 80235

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JAC

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

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Arvada, CO 80002

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Pueblo, CO 81005

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Broomfield, CO 80021

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Littleton, CO 80127

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SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85635

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Sincerely,

BK

Denver, CO 80218

#33

1/27/22

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DA

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

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Please approve Colorado's waiver amendment expediently so we can continue our innovation in Colorado to improve health care affordability and equity. I have worked with this group and know their studies are well done. I especially support their efforts to help low-income and people of color pay for health insurance. This will fill in the many gaps in our health care delivery system.

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Sincerely,

LA

Denver, CO 80207

#35

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Sincerely,

KW

Craig, CO 81625

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Sincerely,

TT

Fort Collins, CO 80524

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Sincerely,

NR

CO Springs, CO 80903

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Sincerely,

RC

Lakewood, CO 80227

#39

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Sincerely,

BT

Fort Collins, CO 80524

#40

1/28/22

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EH

Fort Collins, CO 80525

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JD

Littleton, CO 80127

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JG

Woodland Park, CO 80863

#43

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MB

Louisville, CO 80027

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MK

Denver, CO 80224

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Sincerely,

LK

Denver, CO 80230

#46

2/1/22

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure and Secretary Becerra:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Colorado's Section 1332 Innovation Waiver Amendment. Our comments are attached.

Best,

BP

Legal Director

Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Denver, CO 80203

#47

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Comments Received During Federal Public Comment Period on Colorado 1332 Waiver Amendment
January 3, 2022 through February 2, 2022

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Sincerely,
RS
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

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Sincerely,
SR
Denver, CO 80203

#49
1/27/22

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NH
Louisville, CO 80027

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Sincerely,
NM
DENVER, CO 80222

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Sincerely,

JS

Bayfield, CO 81122

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Sincerely,

FH-R

Longmont, CO 80501

#53

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RB
Arvada, CO 80004

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Sincerely,

AB

Littleton, CO 80123

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Sincerely,
DS
Aspen, CO 81611

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Sincerely,

KK

Lakewood, CO 80215

#57

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Sincerely,

BJ

Westcliffe, CO 81252

#58

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Sincerely,

JF

Aurora, CO 80012

#59

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MS
Pueblo, CO 81001

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As mentioned earlier, it would be great for you to approve Colorado's waiver amendment expediently so we can continue our innovation in Colorado to improve health care affordability and equity.

We are counting on you! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

LG

Aurora, CO 80017

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RM
Littleton, CO 80120

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EH

CC, CO 80022

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JB

Longmont, CO 80503

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AH

Longmont, CO 80504

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Estes Park, CO 80517

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JW

Broomfield, CO 80023

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JG

Boulder, CO 80301

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WA

Delta, CO 81416

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Denver, CO 80206

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RB

Longmont, CO 80501

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Westminster, CO 80031

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BM

Elizabeth, CO 80107

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Lafayette, CO 80026

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EL

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CS

Winter Park, CO 80482

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Lakewood, CO 80227

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Westminster, CO 80031

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Sincerely,

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Denver, CO 80205

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2/1/22

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As a physician practicing in Colorado, I support the Colorado Option and the state's 1332 waiver amendment.

Fully implementing the Colorado Option will give Colorado families a health care plan that reduces costs and expands comprehensive affordable health care to more residents. Physicians have expressed our gratitude to Colorado policymakers and leaders who fought to make the Colorado Option a reality. We would be equally thankful to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approving Colorado's request for a 1332 waiver.

As physicians, we see this reality every day in our clinics and exam rooms.

Because of expensive premiums, skimpy insurance and huge out-of-pocket costs, health care is becoming more and more unaffordable for our patients and their families.

Implementing the Colorado Option without delay will make health care more affordable than the status quo of rising premiums and out-of-pocket costs. Physicians see with our own eyes how our patients are forced to ration health care because they can't afford to get stuck with big medical bills. When people put off care, especially for chronic medical conditions, they tend to get sicker.

By making health care more affordable, we can help people get the treatments and therapy they need to live full lives.

As a physician, I cannot wait for the day when Colorado can help more people, including many of my patients, get affordable quality health care.

Sincerely,

SN

Boulder, CO 80303

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2/1/22

Dear Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure,

The Colorado Option can help expand access to quality and affordable health care to many communities in the state that have been overlooked and underserved for many years. These include rural, less populated communities, where one in six Colorado counties has just one insurance provider. These communities are also the ones most likely to have limited access to health care facilities. Often, critical access hospitals and rural health clinics are the ones in these underserved communities, serving people with a wide range of health care needs while stretching their own resources. All too often, these rural health facilities care for uninsured or under-insured patients who struggle to pay medical bills. Uncompensated care places a disproportionate burden on health facilities' finances, threatening margins and increasing the risk that these facilities must continuously cut costs, reduce staff or even close altogether.

As a physician, I am deeply concerned about the fragility of health care in Colorado's rural and underserved communities because of this reality. The Colorado Option is one antidote. By making health care more affordable, Colorado can help thousands of people in rural communities get the coverage they need. By expanding the pool of newly insured people in underserved communities, uncompensated care will shrink and be less of an albatross around the necks of small critical care hospitals and rural health centers. Strengthening hospitals in small communities financially allows them to sustain a range of services, from diagnostics to lab to outpatient physical therapy and chronic disease management. They are more likely to retain and recruit providers and nurses, a perennial challenge in rural Colorado.

The full and speedy implementation of the Colorado Option increases the likelihood of these health facilities' survival in their communities so they can continue serving local families for generations to come.

Helping more people have health care benefits all communities and empower them to grow and thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my voice in advocating for a 1332 waiver for the Colorado Option.

Sincerely,

LC

Durango, CO 81301

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2/1/22

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I am a retired physician in western Colorado who testified in the Colorado legislature for the Colorado Option to pass. We must improve our healthcare system to deliver better care - to more people.

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MOntrose, CO 81403

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2/2/22

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I write to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to approve Colorado's request for a 1332 waiver so our state may implement the Colorado Public Option.

In my experience as a physician, cost and affordability are two of the most common barriers preventing access to healthcare. Insurance premiums keep going up every year and prevent countless individuals from getting adequate health coverage. High out-of-pocket costs dissuade people from seeing a doctor for an illness or an injury in a timely manner. All of this to say that expensive health care is forcing too many people to gamble with their health, wellbeing and even lives.

CMS can further advance its work to expand health care to more Americans by approving Colorado's 1332 waiver and giving people in our state affordable health care options.

Many of my patients who would benefit from the Colorado Option. are those who can choose affordable coverage that can reduce out-of-pocket and prescription drug costs. They include self-employed individuals who don't see a doctor or get an MRI when they should because they don't have insurance or their coverage has high deductibles. They include individuals who don't have choices for health care because of their zip code.

The challenges these Coloradans face come as health care costs continue to go up and my patients continue to struggle to afford the care they need.

Access to affordable, quality health care can change lives. I see this in action in my practice all the time. My patients who get the care they need when they need it are more likely to be healthier, more likely to work and stay on the job, better able to care for their families and more likely to be contributors to their communities. Being able to address health care needs when they come up has helped many of my patients live meaningful lives.

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AC

Denver, CO 80218

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LC

Louisville, CO 80027

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2/2/22

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Thank you,

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Denver, CO 80218

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Sincerely,
KR
Parker, CO 80134

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RM
Colorado, CO 81212

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TH

Commerce City, CO 80022

#101

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EH

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

#102

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JS

Nederland, CO 80466

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EB

Boulder, CO 80302

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Englewood, CO 80110

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Sincerely,

SR

Arvada, CO 80005

#107
2/2/2022

My name: JD

Organization: Self-employed at [*name of firm*]

I support and encourage the approval of Colorado's section 1332 innovation waiver amendment. This amendment makes it easier for self-employed and gig workers to access and shop for health insurance. Approving this amendment is another step toward supporting American workers and creating more paths to self-sufficiency in today's economy.

JD

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RR
Lakewood, CO 80214

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EP
Pueblo West, CO 81007

#112
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Every Colorado resident deserves access to affordable health care.

We are counting on you!

Sincerely,
DW
DENVER, CO 80230

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Sincerely,
SB
Grand Junction, CO 81507

#114

2/2/2022

Please find attached Kaiser Permanente's comments on Colorado's ACA Section 1332 waiver amendment application. Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
JF
Counsel, Government Relations
Kaiser Permanente
Government Relations

#115

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EY
Greeley, CO 80634

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GE
Woodland Park, CO 80863

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LR
Erie, CO 80516

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Sincerely,
JS
palisade, CO 81526

#119
2/2/2022

Hello,

I am submitting our organization's comments on the 1332 waiver (attached). Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you.

Sincerely,

BW
Executive Director
Centennial State Prosperity

#120
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LW
snowmass vlg., CO 81615

#121

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Sincerely,
JC
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

#122

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Sincerely,
JD
Hesperus, CO 81326

#123
2/2/2022

Hello,

Please find our attached comments in support of Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment.
Thank you for your consideration.

AF
Deputy Director
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Denver, CO 80203

#124
2/2/2022

Dear Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure,

The Colorado Option directly tackles some of the most persistent problems Coloradans face in health care: high costs and lack of access. These are among the most common challenges I see among my patients and those of many of my colleagues in medicine.

The Colorado Option reduces premiums 18 percent over three years, a commitment to reverse prevailing trends in insurance premiums of going up, not down. The Colorado Option also provides more choices for people across Colorado, by standardizing benefits plans and making them available to individuals and small businesses in every county in Colorado. Additionally, the Colorado Option protects hospitals that serve people who use Medicare or Medicaid, or are not insured, including hospitals in rural and underserved areas.

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These are all critical steps toward helping more people see a doctor, get a test or address a medical need. They support hospitals in small communities and help them keep their doors open so they can continue serving those communities. When communities of color and LGBTQ Coloradans are more likely to lack health care and when 89 percent of uninsured Coloradans say healthcare costs are unaffordable and a barrier to care and treatment, the Colorado Option can truly improve and save many lives, in all parts of the state.

Uninsured and under-insured Coloradans are more vulnerable to sickness and poorer outcomes, for everything from COVID-19 to chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart illnesses. I have seen for years how unaffordable health care and high out-of-pocket costs have become barriers to basic health care for too many people. Nobody should have to choose between seeing a doctor and putting food on the table. The Colorado Option can help families avoid making those impossible choices.

While insurance premiums and prescription drug costs continue to increase every year, Coloradans struggle to keep up with other basic needs. The Colorado Option is an opportunity to provide much-needed relief to my patients and many working Coloradans, in keeping with the priorities and commitment of the current administration.

Colorado has an opportunity to support our families and open the door to better health and wellbeing for more individuals so no one is denied the life and the future they choose to pursue. CMS has been at the forefront of our nation's efforts to provide affordable, quality health care to more Americans. By approving the 1332 waiver, CMS can continue this important work.

KN, MD, MSc
Emergency Physician
Lead physician for Colorado, Committee to Protect Healthcare

Sincerely,
KN
Denver, CO 80231

#125

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Sincerely,
DK
Arvada, CO 80005

#126
2/2/2022
Hello,

I am writing to submit United States of Care's written comments in support of Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment, attached below.

Thank you for engaging stakeholders on this and please do not hesitate to reach out to our Director of Policy Solutions, LH at [email address], or our State External Affairs and Partnerships Director, CW at [email address] for questions or further discussion.

Thank you and have a great week,
AH
Policy and External Affairs Assistant
United States of Care

#127

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BH
Denver, CO 80231

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#128

2/2/2022

Dear Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure,

Hi, I support full implementation of the Colorado Health Insurance Option. I ask that you also support our state's endeavors to make health care more accessible in our communities by approving Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment.

Last year was the first time in decades that I our family could afford to see a doctor more than once and afford diagnostic tests due to the support provided through Covid legislation. Now that that support is over, we are back to the normal of high premiums with only preventative coverage, and exorbitant costs when we need more diagnostics or durables, or if one of us is injured or becomes seriously ill. The Colorado Exchange is the only reason we have health care at all, but only one actually reputable provider is willing to offer coverage in Colorado. A State option would at least give us a chance to afford to use the coverage that we pay for.

I hope for a time when the US joins the rest of the world's major economies with a fair and reasonable version of universal health care coverage. In the meantime, I'm grateful to live in a state that is moving forward to support our own version of fair and reasonable health care. I hope you will also support this work and grant the waiver.

Thanks you for your time and attention.

Manawa, NN

Sincerely,

NN

Lafayette, CO 80026

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Sincerely,
V R-C
denver, CO 80120

#130

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Sincerely,

MM

Pueblo, CO 81004

#131

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PH

Colorado Springs, CO 80915

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Please approve Colorado's waiver amendment expeditiously so we can continue our innovation in Colorado to improve health care affordability and equity.

We are counting on you!

Sincerely,
SG
Pueblo, CO 81003

#133

2/2/2022

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Sincerely,

RC

Loveland, CO 80538

#134

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Sincerely,

BD

Colorado Springs, CO 80915

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#135

2/2/2022

Hello,

Please see the attached comments on the Colorado 1332 Waiver on behalf of the American Lung Association and our health partners.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Best,

JL

National Specialist | Health Policy

American Lung Association

Washington, D.C. 20004

#136

2/2/2022

Attached for your review are AHIP's comments on Colorado's Section 1332 Waiver Amendment Request.

While AHIP supports state actions that would lower premiums and out-of-pocket costs, the Colorado Option program would not meet this goal. We recommend the Departments do not approve Colorado's Waiver Amendment Request because it does not meet the section 1332 statutory guardrails and is based on flawed economic and actuarial analyses. Our comments include a legal analysis of the statutory guardrails conducted for AHIP by Groom Law Group, which is supported by data from a new actuarial analysis of the Waiver Amendment Request.

AHIP's detailed comments are attached. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments and please feel free to reach out if there are follow-up questions on our comment letter.

KS

Vice President, Commercial Policy

AHIP – Guiding Greater Health

Washington, D.C. 20004

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2/2/2022

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure and Secretary Becerra:

Good Business Colorado (GBC) thanks you for your attention to the attached comments on Colorado's Section 1332 Innovation Waiver Amendment.

GBC is a grassroots organization of 410 business owners in 31 counties advocating for a prosperous economy, equitable communities, and a sustainable environment. Our members believe that business success cannot be measured by profit alone and that true success means that our planet, communities, and bottom lines are all thriving.

We strongly urge CMS to approve the Colorado Section 1332 Innovation Waiver Amendment.

Regards,

ARE

Director of Policy

Good Business Colorado

#138

2/2/2022

Hello,

On behalf of Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) and its 100-plus member hospitals and health systems statewide, I am writing to provide comment on the Colorado Division of Insurance's Final- Colorado Section 1332 Innovation Waiver Amendment- 11/30/21. Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback and please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Best wishes,

MA

Manager, Regulatory Policy

Colorado Hospital Association

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

#139

2/2/2022

Dear Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure,

As a small business owner I am writing to urge you to approve Colorado's 1332 waiver amendment. This waiver amendment will allow full implementation of the Colorado Option and allow our state to make significant improvements in health coverage affordability and health equity.

The waiver amendment will lead to savings for the federal government based on the premium

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Sincerely,
BD
Nathrop, CO 81236

#140

2/2/2022

Good afternoon,

We are writing to provide comments regarding the waiver amendment application submitted by Colorado's Division of Insurance on November 30, 2021, which requests permission to amend the state's currently approved waiver under section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

The letter can be viewed in PDF format at the following link: <https://coloradoshealthcarefuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PAHCFA-Federal-Comment-Letter-2.2.22.pdf>

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We did attempt to attach the PDF in an email to this address, but received an error message. If there is another way in which you would like us to provide you with the PDF file containing our comments, please let us know and we will be glad to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,
The Partnership For America's Health Care Future Action

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SP

Cortez, CO 81321

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QS

Arvada, CO 80005