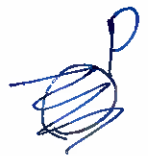


# Support HB22-1325: Primary Care Alternative Payment Models

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## What's the problem?

Underinvestment in primary care has created barriers to healthcare access that have prevented many patients from seeking timely preventative care, driving many to delay care until a serious health condition occurs which can lead to more expensive care that may be too late to effectively address the problem.

Many healthcare providers currently use a fee-for-service reimbursement model. In this model, healthcare providers charge based on individual services rendered (i.e. primary care visits, prescriptions, laboratory tests ordered, etc.). Fee-for-service payment models can incentivize quantity over quality, further perpetuating health disparities and contributing to rising healthcare costs without improving patient outcomes. They also add to the additional administrative burden on providers.

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## What's in the bill?

HB22-1325 requires the Division of Insurance to collaborate with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Department of Personnel, and the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative to develop and promulgate rules for aligned alternative payment model (APM) parameters for primary care. By aligning parameters such as quality metrics, risk adjustments, attribution methodologies, and core competencies, we can make it easier and more desirable for primary care providers to opt into alternative payment models and take a big step forward on realigning incentives in our healthcare system.

Aligned APM parameters will benefit patients, payers, and providers by:

- Improving health care quality and value while reducing health disparities.
- Reducing administrative burdens for primary care practices, particularly for small, independent, and rural practices, and helping independent practices stay independent.
- Supporting collaboration between physical and behavioral health care services and local public health agencies and human services departments to improve population health.
- Facilitating practice transformation that focuses on integrated, whole-person care, including providing greater flexibility so practices can coordinate care and addressing social determinants of health such as housing stability, social support, and food insecurity.

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## Supporting Organizations

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI)  
Colorado Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP)  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
American Academy of Pediatrics Colorado Chapter  
Healthier Colorado

Colorado Children's Campaign  
Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP)  
Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition  
Mental Health Colorado