



Protecting Access to Health Care in Colorado Springs

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The Challenge

Colorado is on the brink of a new health-care affordability crisis. If federal health-insurance subsidies expire at the end of 2025, as many as 200,000 Coloradans could see their monthly premiums double. For working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and small business owners here in Colorado Springs, that would mean impossible choices between paying for care and paying for essentials. Health care costs are already too high, and the loss of federal support will hit hardest in the very communities least able to absorb it. We need a state-level plan to protect access to affordable care and keep families insured.

My Priorities

1. Establish a Colorado Premium Assistance Program

Colorado should step in with targeted, state-funded premium assistance to help families who lose federal help. This program—already being designed by the Colorado Division of Insurance—would provide monthly support for lower-income residents and prevent sudden loss of coverage.

2. Strengthen the Reinsurance Program

Colorado's reinsurance program reduces premiums for everyone by helping insurers cover the highest-cost medical claims. Preserving and expanding this program is one of the most effective tools we have to keep overall premiums stable.

3. Expand Local Access to Care

We must continue investing in community-based solutions that meet people where they are—such as neighborhood health centers, mobile clinics, and mental-health partnerships. Affordable access shouldn't depend on a ZIP code.

4. Protect Health First Colorado and CHP+

Medicaid and the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) provide essential coverage for hundreds of thousands of Coloradans. These programs must be protected from cuts or bureaucratic barriers that push people back into crisis care.

5. Push for Federal Partnership

Colorado cannot do this alone. The legislature should work with our congressional delegation to restore and extend federal premium subsidies that make coverage affordable for middle-class families.

My Commitment

Health care should be reliable, affordable, and accessible for every Colorado family—not a luxury that disappears when federal policy shifts. In the State House, I will fight for practical, bipartisan solutions that protect families, reduce costs, and keep our community healthy.