



National health care reform resources to guide interested Coloradans through the spin maze

Dear Reader,

With federal health care reform proposals and related debate front and center in the media and town hall meetings across the state for the past year, CHI compiled this list of resources to assist interested readers in finding fact-based information on the various proposals and objective analyses that describe the elements of health reform without partisan or ideological spin. Now that the health care reform has passed, we are continuing to update our resources to help you understand what reform will mean for the nation and Colorado.

CHI was established in 2002 for this purpose and its staff is committed to presenting policy options for Coloradans and policymakers' consideration that are evidence-based and present "only the facts."

Included are links to several recent CHI publications and presentations that can serve as background information describing the extent of Colorado's coverage and access issues addressed in the national health reform legislation. We've included links to the final bills and will continue to add new objective information as it becomes available.

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FINAL APPROVED BILL

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (153 pages) (Senate bill)
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h3590as.txt.pdf
- Reconciliation Act of 2010 (final bill, H.R. 4872) (3.77 MB pdf) (modifications to Senate bill)
http://docs.house.gov/rules/hr4872/111_hr4872_reported.pdf

ANALYSES AND INFORMATION ON FINAL LEGISLATION

- Kaiser Family Foundation—Interactive calculator, timelines, side-by-side comparison of proposals, public opinion polls, research and other resources
<http://healthreform.kff.org/>
- Congressional Budget Office analysis of H.R. 4872 (2.32 MB pdf)
<http://www.cbo.gov/doc.cfm?index=11379>
- *New York Times*, March 22, 2010, "Proposed changes in the final health care bill"
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/03/19/us/politics/20100319-health-care-reconciliation.html?ref=policy>
- *New York Times*, March 22, 2010, "How the Health Care Overhaul Could Affect You"
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/03/21/us/health-care-reform.html>

ORIGINAL REFORM PROPOSALS

- President Obama's health reform proposal, prepared for the bipartisan meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010 (html)
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting>
- Senate Democrats' bill (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)—complete bill text (2,074 pages, 2.51 MB pdf)
<http://democrats.senate.gov/reform/patient-protection-affordable-care-act.pdf>
- House Democrats' bill (H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act)—complete bill text (1,990 pages, 3.28 MB pdf)
http://docs.house.gov/rules/health/111_ahcaa.pdf
- Republicans' health care reform bill (The Common Sense Healthcare Reform and Affordability Act; Amendment to text of H.R. 3962)—text (219 p., 378 KB pdf)
http://rules-republicans.house.gov/Media/PDF/RepublicanAlternative3962_9.pdf
- The Baucus bill (America's Healthy Future Act of 2009)—complete bill text (220 pages; 1.2 MB pdf)
http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/leg/LEG%202009/091609%20Americas_Healthy_Future_Act.pdf
- Tri-Committee House bill (House Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Education and Labor Committees) (HR 3200: America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009)—summary
<http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/publications/AAHCA-BILLSUMMARY-071409.pdf>
- Tri-Committee House bill (full text) (1,017 pages; 1.75 MB pdf)
http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090714/aahca.pdf

CHI PUBLICATIONS ABOUT ASPECTS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

Glossary of health care terms

- *HealthWords 2*
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/HealthWords.aspx>
If you'd like a pocket-size hard copy contact info@coloradohealthinstitute.org.

Health insurance status of Coloradans

- Colorado Household Survey Issue Brief—The relationship between insurance coverage and access to a regular source of health care
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/Publications/2010/01/COHS-Access.aspx>
- Colorado Household Survey Issue Brief - A profile of Coloradans affected by an individual mandate
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/Publications/2010/01/COHS-Indiv-Mandate.aspx>
- The ABCs of Health Care Reform: Affordable, adequate benefits in health care coverage (presentation)
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/Global/Presentations/2009/ABCs.aspx>

- *Colorado Children's Health Insurance - 2009 Update*
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/documents/sn/EBNE.pdf>
- CHI Technical Brief: *How Many Coloradans are Uninsured?*
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/Documents/sn/UninsuredTechBrief09.pdf>

Colorado's health care safety net

- Impact of expanding health insurance coverage on Colorado's safety net providers and the patients they serve (presentation)
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/Global/Presentations/2009/Roundtables-SN.aspx>
- *The State of Colorado's Health Care Safety Net*
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/Documents/sn/snims.pdf>
- Primer: Colorado's Health Care Safety Net--2009 Update
<http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/documents/sn/primerUpdate09.pdf>

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSALS: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Brookings Institution's Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform—The center's work on policy options for high-quality, innovative, affordable health care
<http://www.brookings.edu/health.aspx>
- National Conference of State Legislatures—Federal health care reform resources
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=17639>