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# Working for Colorado's Health

*Community Approaches and a Policy Review*

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# Three Takeaways

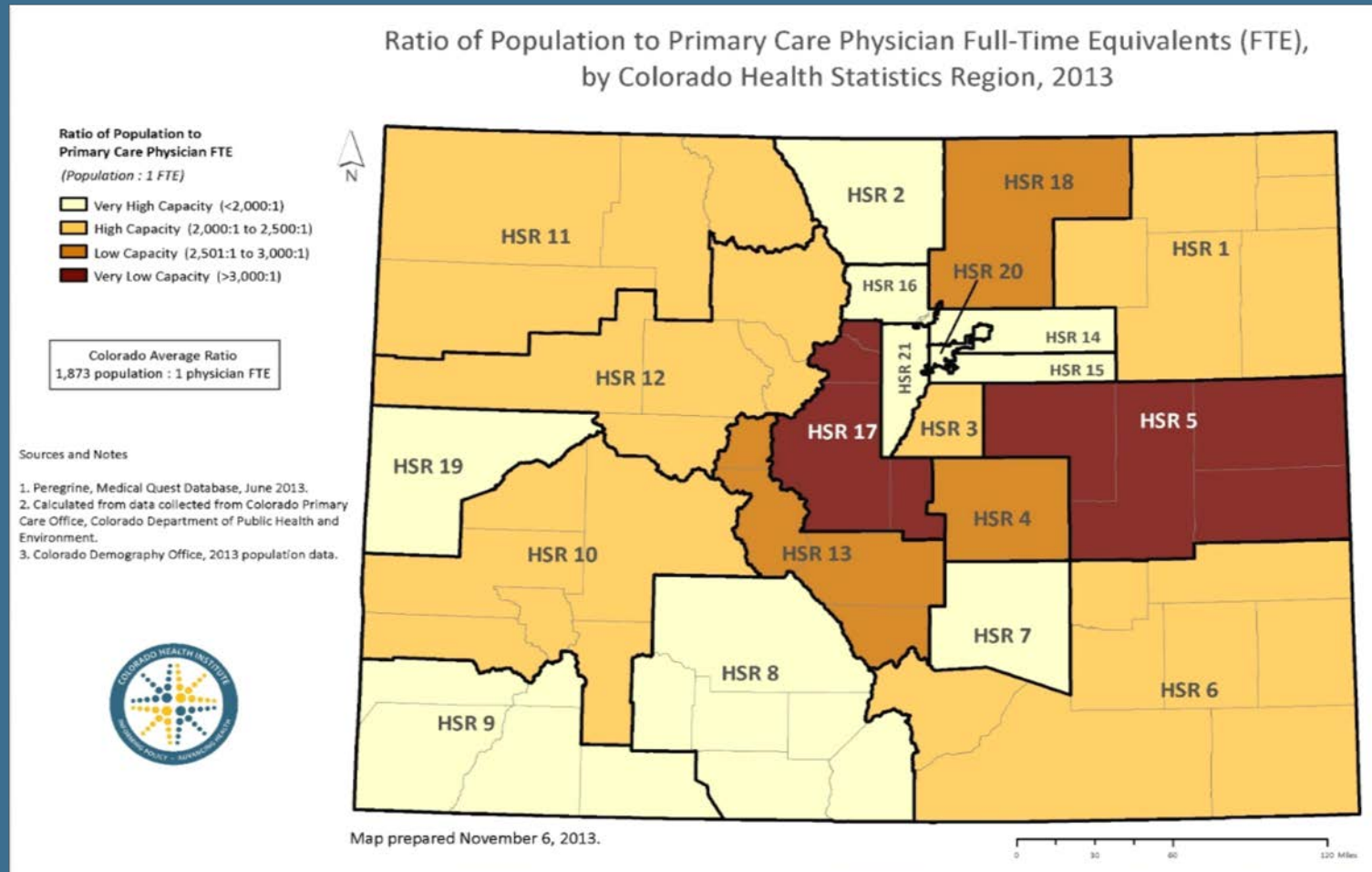
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# Policy Preview

- Primary Care
- Oral Health Care
- Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Workforce Data

# PROBLEM 1:

## Uneven Access to Primary Care



# Increase Family Medicine Doctors in Rural and Underserved Areas.

Commission on Family Medicine Report  
SB 14-144



# Expand Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Practice Nurses

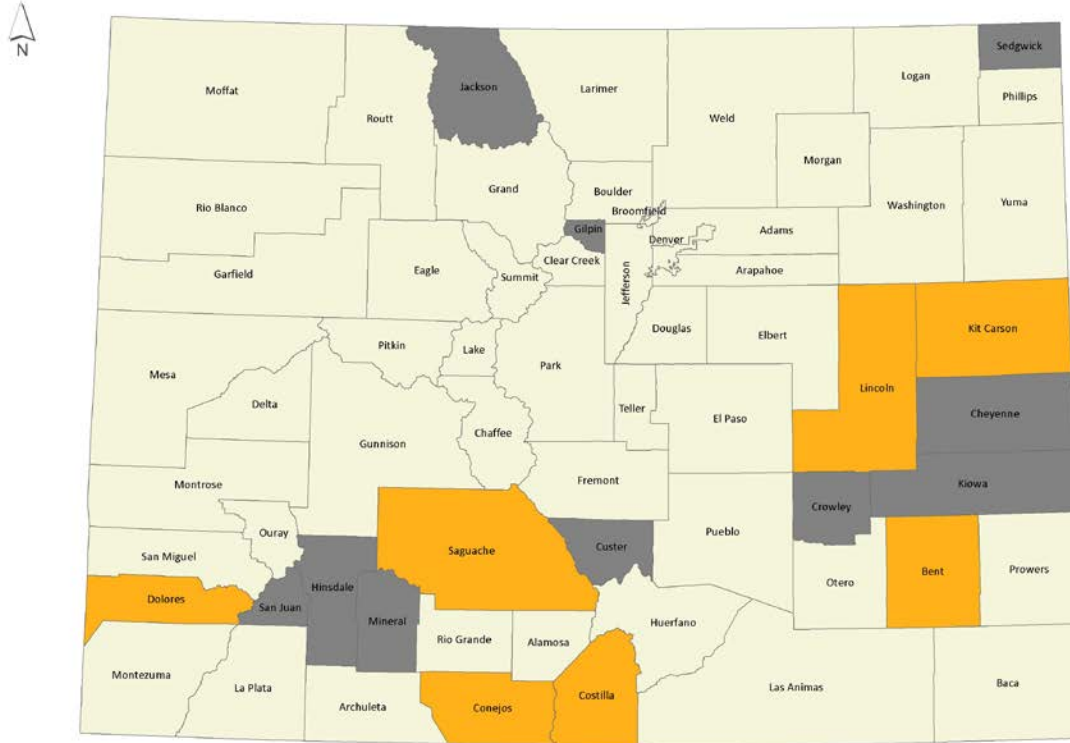
**NPATCH:**  
The Nurse  
Physician Advisory  
Taskforce for  
Colorado  
Healthcare



## PROBLEM 2:

# Lack of Access to Dental Care

Colorado Counties with Limited Access to Dentists, 2014



**Sources and Notes**

CHI analysis of Peregrine Medical Quest Database, April 2014 and Department of Regulatory Agencies Dentist Licensure Records, January 2014. Federally Qualified Health Center data from Colorado Community Health Network. Mobile units or services provided by referral are not included.

■ No Private Practice Dentists, FQHCs, or Community Safety Net Clinics Providing Dental Services  
■ Dental Services Only Available at FQHCs



Map prepared by the Colorado Health Institute  
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# Expand Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists.

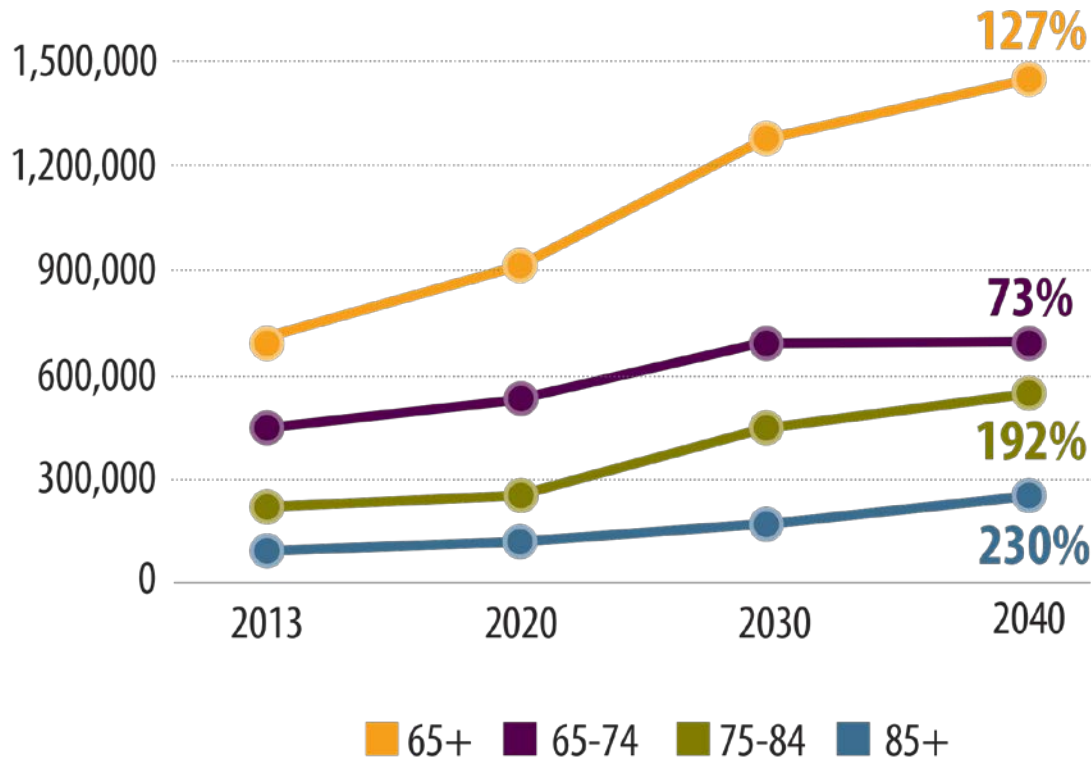




## PROBLEM 3:

# Colorado's Aging Population is Rapidly Increasing

Projected Population Growth, By Age Group 65+ Colorado



# Increase the Direct Care Workforce.

PROJECTED  
GROWTH  
**70%**  
BY 2020

MOST  
DIRECT CARE  
WORKERS  
**EXCEED**  
40 HOUR  
WEEKS

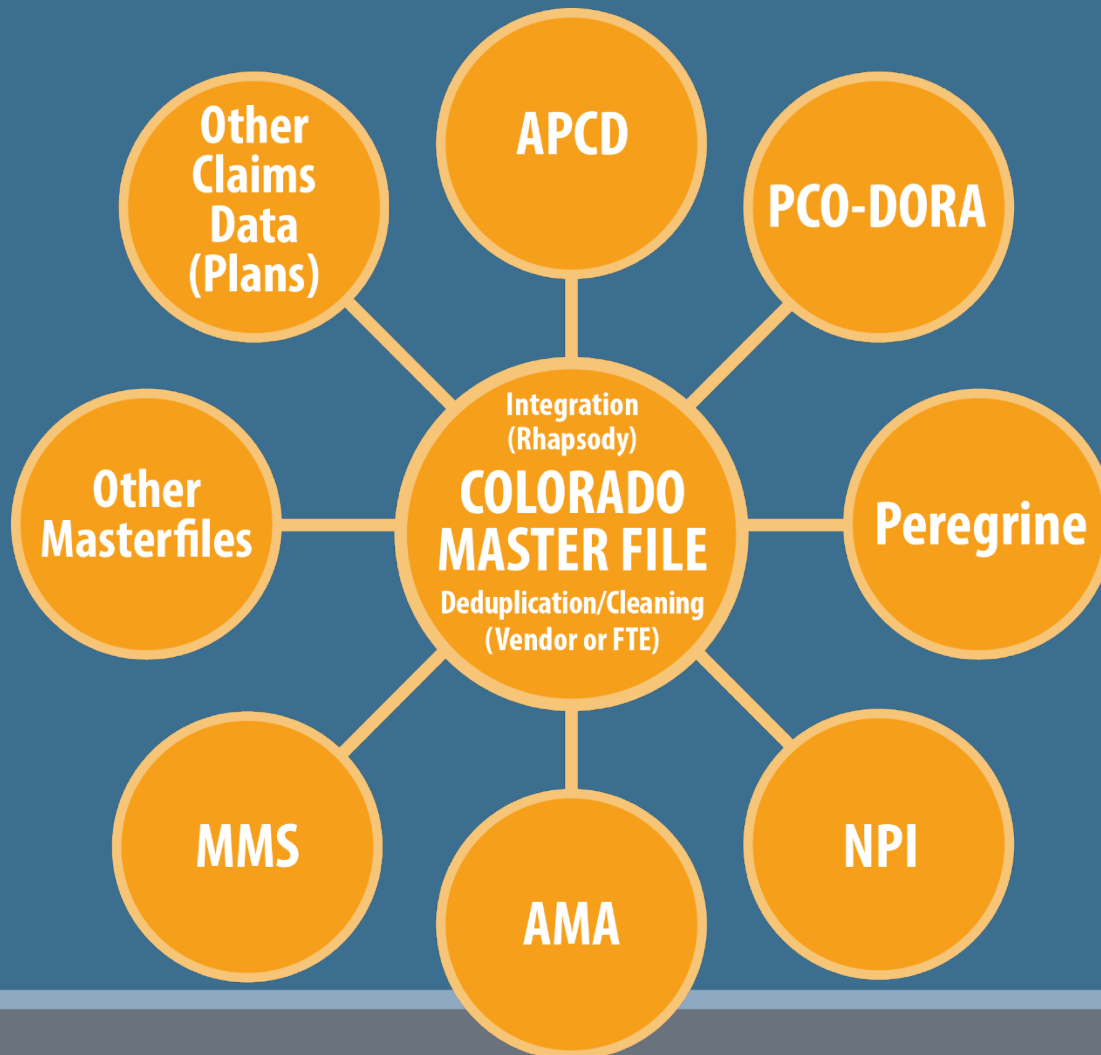
HOURLY PAY  
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## PROBLEM 4:

# Lack of Reliable, Rigorous Workforce Data

A X T A M A B V T Q  
P E L R D O F G V G  
C O C P N A U B H J  
D F L E F O R G X T  
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# Create Health Workforce Data Clearinghouse.



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