

## HEALTH CARE LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES 2008 SESSION

### Expand Access and Improve Health Care for Kids

- Extend health insurance to thousands more Colorado kids by expanding eligibility in CHP+ to 225% of the Federal Poverty Level (SB 160, Hagedorn / McGihon)
- Provide a Medical Home to every child in Medicaid and CHP+ (Building Blocks Budget Package)
- Improve the mental health benefit in CHP+ (SB 160, Hagedorn / McGihon)
- Expand support for the Colorado Responds to Children with Special Needs program (HB 1100, Gagliardi / Keller)

### Strengthen Medicaid and CHP+

- Make it easier for families to access health care services by centralizing enrollment for Medicaid and CHP+ and making fixes to CBMS (Building Blocks Budget Package)
- Increase funding for outreach and enrollment (Budget)
- Increase provider reimbursement rates for primary and oral health care providers (Building Blocks Budget Package)
- Reduce fraud and abuse in Medicaid (HB 1409, Pommer / Johnson)
- Expand family planning services in Medicaid (SB 3, Boyd / Riesberg)

### Improve Quality & Efficiency in Health Care

- Standardize Health Plan ID Cards (SB 135, Mitchell / Gagliardi)
- Increase and improve transparency in health insurance (HB 1385, Primavera / Schwartz)
- Invest in health information technology through support of the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO) (Building Blocks Budget Package)

### Protect Health Care Consumers

- Empower the Division of Insurance to seek restitution for consumers who are wronged by insurance companies (HB 1228, Green / Gordon)
- Protect consumers who need long term care services by licensing home care agencies (SB 153, Boyd / Ferrandino)

### Strengthen Public Health Programs

- Reorganize public health in Colorado (SB 194, Hagedorn / McGihon)
- Increase funding for immunizations (Budget)
- Improve access to oral health services for Old Age Pension participants (HB 1116, Gallegos / Shaffer)
- Update the public health statutes on Tuberculosis (HB1199, Ferrandino / Williams)

### Strengthen Nursing and Patient Safety

- Implement a pilot program to involve direct-care nurses in decision-making processes in hospitals (SB 188, Boyd / Pommer)
- Add nursing-sensitive quality measures to the Colorado Hospital Report Card (SB 196, Boyd and Tochtrop / Pommer)
- Strengthen the authority of Advanced Practice Nurses (HB 1060, Gagliardi / Hagedorn; HB 1061, Roberts / Hagedorn; and HB 1094, Gagliardi / Hagedorn)