

SUPPORT HB 1143
**“Authority of a Health Maintenance Organization
to Offer Basic Health Services Through a Limited Benefit Plan”**
Senate Committee: Health and Human Services

- HB 1143 would allow HMOs to offer Limited Health Benefit Plans to counties with populations under 25,000.
- Definition of ‘basic health care services’ (CRS 10-16-102(5)):

“Basic health care services” means health care services that an enrolled population might reasonably require in order to maintain good health, including as a minimum, emergency care, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, physical services, outpatient medical services, and laboratory and X-ray services.
- HMO limited health benefit plans would be required to cover all health services covered in the small employer group marketplace today, but could put an annual cap on benefits (i.e. \$30,000, \$50,000, etc.)
- Currently, many limited benefit plans do not cover the broad spectrum of basic health care services and provide inconsistent benefits and/or limit different areas of services.
- Would require HMO’s to comply with all mandatory coverage provisions, *including mental health* (in Amendment HB1143_L.002).
- Would be regulated by the Division of Insurance in the same way current HMO benefit plans are regulated.
- Would not deteriorate the current insured marketplace as it would be offered only to employer groups that have been uninsured for at least the prior 12 months (in Amendment HB1143_L.002).
- This is **not** new, as insurance carriers are already offering limited benefit plans today (which HMOs currently cannot offer due to their restricted licensure).
- HB 1143 would level the playing field for HMOs and allow them to better address the needs of those currently going uninsured.
- Requires disclosure to ensure that consumers understand the limitations of the products they are purchasing and requires HMOs to make them aware that there are catastrophic coverage policies available in the market

Counties with populations under 25,000
(Source: 2007 Colorado State Demography Office Data)

Elbert	23,092	San Miguel	7,684
Routt	23,060	Crowley	7,189
Teller	22,883	Saguache	6,921
Logan	21,879	Rio Blanco	6,434
Otero	19,129	Bent	5,926
Park	17,005	Lincoln	5,722
Chaffee	16,942	Gilpin	5,137
Pitkin	16,607	Washington	4,833
Las Animas	16,568	Phillips	4,601
Alamosa	15,760	Ouray	4,510
Gunnison	15,048	Baca	4,188
Grand	14,383	Custer	4,100
Moffat	13,928	Costilla	3,548
Prowers	13,407	Sedgwick	2,509
Archuleta	12,625	Cheyenne	1,995
Rio Grande	12,594	Dolores	1,937
Yuma	9,973	Jackson	1,476
Clear Creek	9,412	Kiowa	1,469
Conejos	8,388	Mineral	993
Lake	8,190	Hinsdale	870
Kit Carson	8,144	San Juan	571
Huerfano	7,958		