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## Health Care Acronyms

**208 Commission:** A Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform created to study and establish health care reform models for expanding coverage, especially for the underinsured and uninsured, and to decrease health care costs for Colorado residents.

**2010 AKC, 2010 All Kids Covered:** A partnership of over 50 organizations committed to ensuring that all Colorado children have access to health care.

**211 Advisory Board:** SB-07-211 created an advisory committee to the HCPF to plan and oversee the implementation of a plan to provide health coverage for all low-income children in Colorado by the end of 2010.

**A35:** Statewide ballot initiative, passed in 2004, placing a tax on tobacco products, with revenue directed towards healthcare programs.

**AAP, American Academy of Pediatrics:** National trade association representing pediatricians. Colorado has a local chapter of the AAP.

**BHOs, Behavioral Health Organizations:** Responsible for implementing the Medicaid Mental Health Capitation Program through contracts with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

**CBMS, Colorado Benefits Management System:** The computer system that determines an applicant's eligibility for public assistance (welfare programs) based upon the data provided by the applicant.

**CCBs, Community Centered Boards:** Private non-profit organizations designated in statute as the single entry point into the long-term service and support system for persons with developmental disabilities.

**CCC, Colorado Children's Campaign:** The leading bi-partisan voice for children from the state capitol to communities across the state, focusing on expanding access to quality healthcare, early childhood experiences and K-12 education.

**CCHN, Colorado Community Health Network:** Network of 14 statewide community health centers, mostly FQHCs.

**CCIC, Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition:** Over 200 individual members representing 88 organizations, including CDPHE, local health departments, nursing associations, community organizations, and businesses. Dedicated to education and advocacy related to childhood immunizations.

**CDPHE, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:** Manages public health programs, epidemiology, environmental programs, tobacco cessation programs and vital records, among others.

**CHA, Colorado Hospital Association:** Trade association for Colorado hospitals.

**CHCs, Community Health Centers**



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**CHF, Colorado Health Foundation:** A non-profit organization committed to improving the health of Coloradans through medical education, medical research, philanthropy and community programs. Part of a joint venture of the HealthOne hospital system.

**CHI, Colorado Health Institute:** A nonprofit organization which serves as a comprehensive source of health data resources and policy analysis for policymakers, health planners, the business and nonprofit communities, advocacy and consumer groups, health care providers, foundations, and the media.

**CHP+, Child Health Plan Plus:** The state's SCHIP program for Colorado children that do not qualify for Medicaid. 50/50 Federal/State matching ratio. Identified in statute as the Children's Basic Health Plan (CBHP).

**CICP: Colorado Indigent Care Program:** The CICP provides discounted health care services to low income individuals at participating providers. The CICP is funded with federal and state dollars to partially compensate participating providers who provide health care to the uninsured and underinsured at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.

**CIIS, Colorado Immunization Information System:** A confidential, population-based, computerized information system that collects and disseminates consolidated immunization information for Coloradans. Resides within CDPHE.

**CKF, Colorado Covering Kids and Families:** A statewide project that works to ensure that all children and families eligible for Medicaid and CHP+ are enrolled in the programs.

**Colorado Access:** A nonprofit safety net provider health plan that provides access to behavioral and physical health services for medically underserved Coloradans. Partner owners include TCH, UH, the Colorado Community Managed Care Network and UPI.

**CORHIO, Colorado Regional Health Information Organizations:** A nonprofit organization that facilitates health information exchange to improve care for all Coloradans.

**COPIC, Colorado Physician Insurance Company:** Liability insurance company for Colorado physicians.

**CMS, Colorado Medical Society:** Trade association representing Colorado physicians.

**De-Bruce:** A term coined for Douglas Bruce, the proponent of the 1992 TABOR act and former legislator from El Paso County. De-Bruce refers to the act of undoing provisions of the TABOR act.

**DHS, Department of Human Services:** Manages the state's social services programs.

**DH, Denver Health:** The safety net hospital for the City and County of Denver.

**FQHCs, Federally Qualified Health Centers**



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**HCPF**, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: Manages the state's Medicaid, CICIP and CHP+ programs.

**HHS Committees**, Health and Human Services Committees: House and Senate committees that hear bills related to health care issues.

**JBC**, Joint Budget Committee: Permanent staff of the fiscal and budget review agency of the Colorado General Assembly.

**Leg Council**, Legislative Council: Permanent research staff of the Colorado General Assembly.

**LLS**, Legislative Legal Services: Permanent legal staff of the Colorado General Assembly and the Revisor of Statutes

**MCO**, Managed Care Organizations

**MCPN**, Metro Community Provider Network: Covers Arapahoe, Jefferson, Adams, and Park Counties and the cities of Lakewood and Aurora. Services within the area are developed to provide primary healthcare for people who have no other access to healthcare.

**MSB**, Medical Services Board: Resides within HCPF, and has the authority to adopt rules that govern the Colorado Medicaid program and the Child Health Plan Plus program

**OSPB**, Office of State Planning and Budgeting: Governor's office for state budgeting

**Ref C**, Referendum C: A statewide ballot initiative, passed in 2006, to give a five-year reprieve from the spending limits of the TABOR amendment. Ref C funds are to be specifically used for public K-12 education, higher education, health care and transportation

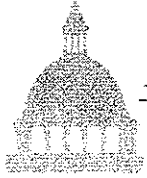
**RETAC**, Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council: Authorized by statute to provide a coordinated approach to emergency medical and trauma care in Colorado. Resides within CDPHE.

**SBHC**, School Based Health Centers

**SCHIP**, State Children's Health Insurance Program: Federal public health care program for children whose families do not qualify for Medicaid.

**SEMTAC**, State Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council: Authorized by statute to provide a coordinated approach to emergency medical and trauma care in Colorado. Resides with CDPHE.

**TABOR**, Taxpayer's Bill of Rights: A statewide ballot initiative, passed in 1992, which limits revenue growth for state and local governments in Colorado and to require that any tax increase in any state or local government (counties, cities, towns, school districts and special districts) must be approved by the voters of the affected government.



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**UCHSC**, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center: The state's health sciences institution, offering degrees in Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Dental Medicine.

**UH**, University Hospital: The state's teaching hospital, affiliated with UCHSC.

**UPI**, University Physicians, Inc: Provides business operations and administrative support to the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine