



HealthcareforAllColorado



Improve the Federal Affordable Care Act

**State Senator Irene Aguilar, MD will discuss
the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
and the Colorado Health Care Cooperative**

The Colorado Health Care Cooperative (SB11-168) would improve upon federal reform by controlling health care inflation while increasing health care choices in a member-owned cooperative. Changing from disease care to a preventive integrated health care model would maximize access, quality and savings, as well as patient and provider choices.

An example of a successful integrated health care system exists here in Colorado – the acclaimed Rocky Mountain Health Plans on the Western Slope. Such a model of the health care cooperative extended to the entire state would permit local control and innovation around a plan that works best for each region.

Like a nonprofit public utility, the Colorado Health Care Cooperative would be owned and run by members for members who share an interest in maximizing benefits and efficiency. Innovation of providers is encouraged to best promote and maintain the health of their population. There would be incentives for comprehensive case management for high-cost patients, for community-based outreach to populations not accessing care, and also for provider coverage of rural areas.

Providers may be rewarded based on achievement of health targets, rather than numbers of procedures performed. Additional savings of the health care cooperative would be realized by prioritizing front-end coverage – primary preventive care, as well as basing payments on data demonstrating the most effective medical treatments.