

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

Opportunity to Inform Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform's Report to Legislature

In response to public demand, we have changed a few meeting sites to accommodate larger groups.

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The Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform was created by the legislature to identify ways to make health coverage more affordable and accessible for all Coloradans. As we develop our recommendations for legislators, we want to hear from people throughout the state about what matters to you. **Please join us at one of the following meetings:**

Date	Community	Location	Time
Thursday, October 4	Boulder	Millennium Harvest House, Ballroom 1345 28 th Street, Boulder 80302	5:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, October 4	Lamar	Lamar Community Building Multipurpose Room 610 S. 6 th Street, Lamar 81052	5:00-8:00pm
Friday, October 5	Colo. Springs	First Presbyterian Church, Aspen Room 105 N. Weber, Colo. Springs 80903	5:00-8:00pm
Saturday, October 6	Denver	Auraria Campus North Classroom Building, Auditorium 1200 Larimer Street, Denver 80204	2:00-5:00pm
Saturday, October 6	Parker	Parker Town Hall, Council Chambers 20120 E. Mainstreet, Parker 80138	9:00a-12:00pm
Saturday, October 6	Pueblo	Pueblo Community College Gorsich Advanced Technology Center Occhiato Theater 900 W. Orman Ave, Pueblo 81004 (corner of Orman and Arthur Aves)	9:00a-12:00pm
Saturday, October 6	Canon City	Canon City Skyline School Commons Area 2855 9 th Street, Canon City 81212	5:00-8:00pm
Wednesday, October 10	Durango	NEW LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel Mesa Verde La Plata Room 501 Camino Del Rio Durango, CO 81301 Durango Community Center 2700 Main Avenue Durango 81301	5:00-8:00pm
Thursday, October 11	Greeley	UNC Campus, Michener Library, Lindou Auditorium Visit www.unco.edu for campus map	5:30-8:00pm
Thursday, October 11	Grand Junction	City Hall Auditorium 250 N. 5 th Street, Grand Junction 81501	5:00-8:00pm
Friday, October 12	Fort Collins	Lincoln Center NEW ROOM: Columbine Mini Theater 417 W. Magnolia, Fort Collins 80521	5:00-8:00pm
Friday, October 12	Silverthorne	Silverthorne Library, Blue River Room 651 Center Circle, Silverthorne 80498	5:00-8:00pm
Saturday, October 13	Brighton	CANCELED	1:00-4:00pm
Saturday, October 13	Craig	NEW LOCATION: Holiday Inn Craig, Ballroom 300 S. Colorado Hwy 13 Craig 81625 Memorial Hospital, Platinum Room 745 Russell, Craig 81625	1:00-4:00pm
Saturday, October 13	Golden	Administration and Courts Building Hearing Room 1 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden 80401	1:00-4:00pm

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All locations are ADA accessible. Good faith efforts will be made to fulfill all requests for reasonable accommodations. Submit requests to 208outreach@coloradofoundation.org, 303-837-8466 ext. 130.

Questions to Address in Testimony

In order to allow all attendees an opportunity to share their views, we respectfully request those testifying to limit their remarks to three minutes and structure their comments around the following:

1. What should be the role of each of the following in providing or assuring access to health care?
 - Individuals
 - Employers
 - Health care providers and support services
 - Government
2. Please discuss anything that you think the Commission should pay particular attention to in the five proposals being evaluated – OR anything that you think is missing from the conversation that would make a difference to you as the Commission moves forward with recommendations for health reform.

Written Comments

Please provide written comments in addition to oral remarks. If you would like to comment on specific proposals, please do so in your written remarks.

Written comments will be accepted from October 1st to October 22nd, 2007

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How Will the Commission Use This Testimony?

- An oral summary of the testimony received will be presented to the full Commission when it meets on Oct. 18-19, 2007.
- Written testimony will be distributed to all Commissioners.
- Testimony from these meetings – along with that received at similar community hearings in March and May, and all testimony provided at Commission meetings – will be incorporated in the Commission's final report to the legislature.

About the Commission

Colorado has approximately 792,000 uninsured residents with nearly 180,000 of them children. Public opinion polls show concern about health care as the top issue for Americans. Coloradans, like most Americans, are anxious for solutions to the rising cost of health care and the growing number of people who cannot afford health insurance or who do not have adequate coverage.

The Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform was created by the Colorado Legislature in 2006. The Commission is charged with making recommendations for comprehensive health care reform with the goal of increasing health care coverage and decreasing costs for Colorado residents, with particular emphasis on the issues of the uninsured, underinsured, and those at risk of financial hardship due to the costs of medical care. The Commission is required to make final recommendations for comprehensive health care reform to the General Assembly by January 31, 2008.

For Questions or More Information

Please visit the Commission's website www.colorado.gov/208commission or email 208outreach@coloradofoundation.org, or phone: 303.837.8466 x130.

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