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Public Comment for [Colorado Commission on Affordable Health Care](#)

Subject: Recommendations to Improve Data Transparency and Accountability

**1. CIVHC required to create a comprehensive, user-friendly data portal**

As per the expectations of the [APCD Act \(HB10-1330\)](#), the CCAHC should request CIVHC to fully implement a “[comprehensive, user-friendly data portal](#)” to include public-use files, like many examples on [CCAHC website](#) (public input/pivots). In Colorado, a comprehensive data portal is not just a great idea – it’s the Law.

**2. Timely tracking of total Colorado health expenditures**

In order to track overall Colorado health expenditures (like the [National Health Expenditures](#)), and according to the authority vested in CIVHC by the APCD Act (HB10-1330), CCAHC should request CIVHC to require all licensed health facilities in Colorado to submit quarterly summary data about their services provided. The quarterly dataset should include the total number of claims generated, the net revenue reimbursed for all payer types and for all service types as described by their guidelines for individual claims data submission.

**3. Standard provider pricing for transparency as a percent of Medicare rates**

CCAHC should request immediate implementation of provider pricing transparency as described by Steven Weissman in his petition delivered to President-elect Donald Trump, signed by over 100,000 citizens. The petition explains how competition will be promoted in the interests of efficiency and quality when providers are paid the same by all, and as a % of applicable Medicare rates. See the petition here, at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org):

<https://www.change.org/p/end-predatory-healthcare-pricing>

See also, this context for change:

[Memo to Congress when repealing ObamaCare](#), and  
[The Next Imperatives for US Healthcare \(McKinsey\)](#), and  
[Standard Pricing at the Surgery Center of Oklahoma](#).

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