

ACTION FOR EQUITY

There is room for improvement in the health of Coloradans of every income level, geographic region, age, and race or ethnicity. However, Coloradans of color, seniors and children, those who have lower incomes, and those who live in a rural area, face unique and often significant challenges to maximizing their health. We must take action to create opportunities and eliminate barriers to good health for all Coloradans, regardless of their life circumstances.



In order to ensure that **all Coloradans have the opportunity to improve their health**, we need to support legislation that works for:

- **Low-income Coloradans**, by:
 - Enabling job creation
 - Increasing health coverage
 - Supporting safety net clinics and providers
- **Children**, by:
 - Engaging parents and families in decision-making
 - Increasing data collection
 - Ensuring every child has a medical home
- **Seniors**, by:
 - Capitalizing on community supports
 - Improving care for Medicaid seniors
 - Implementing a state plan on aging
- **Rural Coloradans**, by:
 - Improving transportation
 - Improving our understanding of the system’s capacity
 - Supporting community innovations
- **Racial and Ethnic Minorities**, by:
 - Advancing economic opportunity
 - Increasing health coverage
 - Improving care experiences

“ *Working together, we can make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation. But, it’s critical that our efforts address the cultural and social determinants of negative health outcomes. In many ways, this is the low hanging fruit to achieving our goal of being number one.*

—Grant Jones, Center for African American Health

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