

ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
in conjunction with
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL MEDICAID
Resolution No. 2025 – 003

WHEREAS Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides free and low-cost health coverage to children, pregnant people, adults with low incomes, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the program has enjoyed bipartisan support going back to its passage into law in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides high quality health insurance for 71.8 million Americans, including 1.18 million Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, according to the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy & Financing, an average of 257,000 residents are enrolled in Medicaid each month across Adams and Jefferson counties; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid covers 4 in every 10 births in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid access is associated with earlier initiation of prenatal care, reductions in infant mortality, better chronic disease management, and better overall self-reported health for adults with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the largest payer of mental health services in the United States and plays a critical role in ensuring access to comprehensive behavioral health care for millions of low-income individuals, including children, adults, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid supports a broad continuum of behavioral health services including therapy, medication management, crisis stabilization, and inpatient and outpatient treatment, that are vital to preventing and treating mental illness and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, proposed cuts as outlined by the House Energy and Commerce Committee could result in cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act of upwards of \$715 billion over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes inefficient and ineffective work requirements and additional eligibility verification checks, institutes more co-pays, and reduces federal cost sharing in some circumstances, among other provisions ; and

WHEREAS, 92% of Medicaid enrollees are working full-time, part-time, or not working because of caregiving responsibilities, illness or disability, or are attending school; and

WHEREAS, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that the proposal will cause 8.6 million people to become uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a critical funding source for our local healthcare systems. 21% of hospital payments in Colorado come from Medicaid. Cuts will result in Adams and Jefferson County hospitals providing more unreimbursed care, which pressures hospitals to offset costs to private payers and eventually consumers through higher premiums; and

WHEREAS, 65% of Community Health Centers (CHCs) operate with negative margins. Further disenrollments will likely result in closures of these key community safety net clinics; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid delivers positive health results and operates efficiently in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, 96% of Colorado Medicaid's budget directly pays health care providers, with only 4% going to administration; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides critical health care access for older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Medicaid spends less per enrollee (\$5,961) than the national average (\$7,085) and less than neighboring states of Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid could have drastic impacts on Colorado's economy; and

WHEREAS, for every \$1 million in federal funding cut from Medicaid, Colorado loses \$2.25 million in economic activity and \$825,000 in household earnings; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's health care sector supports nearly 1 in 5 jobs statewide including \$148 billion in economic output.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Adams and Jefferson County Boards of Health are deeply concerned that the proposed Congressional cuts to Medicaid would be catastrophic for the health of Adams and Jefferson County residents and our local economies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in order to protect our patients, economy and workforce, and healthcare providers, we strongly urge our Congressional representatives to reject any funding cuts to Medicaid.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Adams County Board of Health Members

Gilliam	_____	yea
Lindemann	_____	yea
Keiling	_____	yea
Mahnke	_____	yea
Winkler	_____	yea

Adopted, this 15th day of May, 2025.



Dr. Dierdre Gilliam, Board President
Adams County Board of Health

Jefferson County Board of Health Members

Drager	_____	absent
Jahn	_____	yea
Hall	_____	yea
Lampe	_____	yea
Woods	_____	yea

Adopted, this 15th day of May, 2025.



Cheri Jahn, Board Vice President
Jefferson County Board of Health