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The Honorable Cory Gardner
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Safety Net Healthcare Providers Urge Senator Gardner: Oppose Efforts to Repeal the Affordable Care Act

Dear Senator Gardner,

Colorado's safety net healthcare providers join together to ask you to oppose current efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and to enact deep Medicaid cuts that would endanger healthcare coverage for hundreds of thousands of Coloradans. Although each of our organizations, and the providers we serve, have reached out to you and your staff, we feel it is important that you know that Colorado's safety net providers stand in unison on this issue.

The following organizations represent providers and care management organizations that partner to serve as Colorado's safety net health care providers:



Alliance is a statewide, nonprofit association of Community Centered Boards and Program Approved Service Agencies dedicated to strengthening community services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by collaboratively advancing innovative policies and practices. Our 49 members are privileged to serve Coloradans with IDD and their families throughout the state.



The Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) envisions a state where all people have the opportunity to lead healthy and meaningful lives. Our 28 member organizations represent a network of integrated care providers and managers serving all 64 Colorado counties, including 17 Community Mental Health Centers, 5 Behavioral Health Organizations, 4 Managed Services Organizations, and 2 specialty health clinics. Together, we strengthen communities with innovative care supporting the health, wellbeing and safety of all Coloradans.



The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) represents the 20 Colorado Community Health Centers that together are the backbone of the primary health care safety-net in Colorado. CCHN's mission is to increase access to high quality health care for people in need in Colorado.



The Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) is the leading voice of the state's hospital community. Representing over 100 hospitals and health systems throughout Colorado, CHA serves as a trusted, credible resource on health issues, hospital data and trends for the media, policymakers and the general public. Through CHA, Colorado's hospitals work together in their shared commitment to improving health care in Colorado.



The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is Colorado's nonprofit State Office of Rural Health. CRHC works with Federal, state and local partners to offer services and resources to rural healthcare providers, facilities and communities. We have a diverse and inclusive statewide constituency of over 3,500 people and organizations.