

# 3-5+ Year Health Care Cost Control Roadmap

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## Agenda:

- Roadmap Overview
- New Rx Tool



# Why Focus on Health Care Costs?

## Colorado Private Sector - Consumers and Employers<sup>1</sup>

- 2016, Colorado Median Income: \$65,718
- 2016, Avg Cost of Private Insurance: \$20,940
- Health Care Coverage Consumes **32%** of Median Income



## Colorado Public Sector - Medicaid<sup>2</sup>

- 2018: Medicaid (which provides health care to low income families) consumes **33%** of the State's Budget

*We must disrupt the status quo to address the complexities of rising healthcare costs to the benefit of Colorado consumers, employers, Medicaid and taxpayers.*

<sup>1</sup> Source: Income data from Colorado DOLA LMI Gateway, US Census Median Household Income

<sup>2</sup> CO Department of Health Care Policy and Financing



# 3-5+ Year Health Care Cost Control Roadmap Goals

## Framework to control Employer and Consumer health care costs

- Health care may be the most complex industry in the U.S.
- Roadmap empowers the voices of consumers and employers
- Invites experts to frame options; invites communities and stakeholders to consider and tailor those options
- Maximizes work to date: Cost Commission, SIM, HTP, CPC+
- Inclusive, collaborative, evolving, impactful.

## Studies and Informs Cost Control Policy for Medicaid

- Medicaid serves 22% of Colorado's population
- Medicaid challenges are often the most difficult to tackle; Thoughtful Medicaid solutions can be cross pollinated.

*The Roadmap Informs Medicaid &  
Medicaid Informs the Roadmap*



### Stakeholder Collaboration

Employers & Associations

Unions & Advocates

Governor's Health Cabinet

Carriers / Payers

Regional Accountable Entities

Providers & Associations

Legislators

CIVHC, QHN, COHRIO & CHI



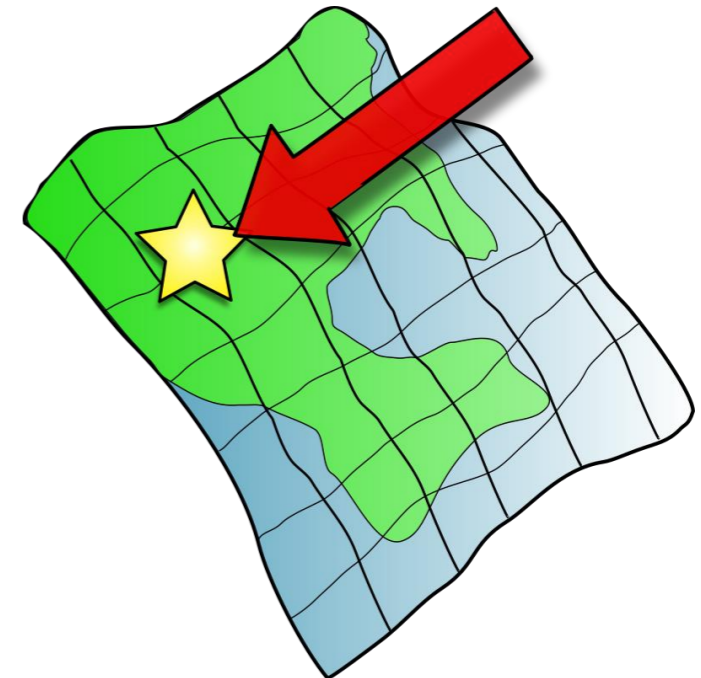
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# Health Care Cost Control Roadmap

## 5 Key Initiatives

1. **Constrain prices**, especially hospital and prescription drug.
2. Champion **alternative payment models**.
3. Align and strengthen data **infrastructure**.
4. Maximize **innovation**.
5. Improve our **population health**.



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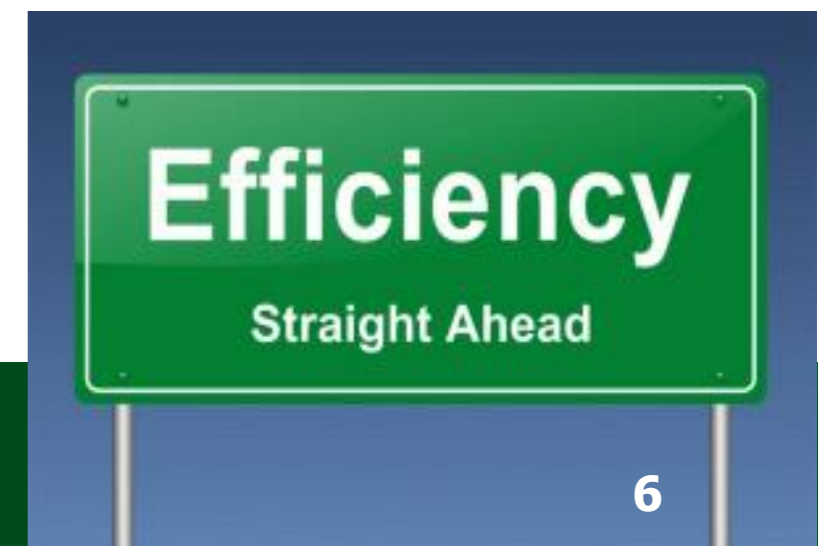
# Focus Area 1: Inside Medicaid: Drive Health Care Costs Down and Quality Up

## 12+ Teams Actively Strategizing and Implementing Cost Control Solutions:

- Hospital Costs, Claim System, Rx / Specialty Rx, Long Term Services & Support, PACE / Seniors, Gov Agency Overlap, Fraud-Waste-Abuse, FQHC/PCP, etc.

**Medicaid Cost Containment Bill SB18-266** passed all committees, Senate and House unanimously and was signed into law May 2018.

- **Innovations:**
  - Prometheus (Insights into Potentially Avoidable Costs)
  - Physician Rx Prescribing Efficacy Tool (cost/quality focus), combined with Payer Programs Tool to enable providers to prescribe health improvement & member support programs, not just pills (functional medicine).
- **Medicaid Catch-up with Colorado's Commercial Carriers**
  - Hospital Review to drive appropriate utilization and better coordinate care on the most vulnerable and costly patients
  - Modernize Medicaid claim edits
- **New HCPF Cost Control & Quality Improvement Office**



# Controlling Medicaid Costs SB 18-266

## Cost Control Unit

Focused, Sustainable Cost Control Approach for Medicaid, CHP, State

Value Based Payments, Rx, Innovations, Public-Private Partnerships, 3-5 Yr. Roadmap  
Best Practices & Rural Focus

Effective July 1, 2018

## Provider Tools

Enables provider care decisions based on cost & quality. Drives care efficiency.

Used by Primary Care, RAEs and HCPF (provider evaluation)

Effective Q3 2018, with Rx tools  
Targeting 7/1/2019

## Hospital Review

Hospital admissions pre-cert, continued stay review, discharge patient follow-up, complex claim review by medical experts

Effective 1/1/2019

## Claim Edits

Identifies & edits payments on inappropriately billed and duplicate claims before release  
Reduces waste, fraud, abuse

Effective 1/1/2019

**Investment: \$8M TF/\$1.9M GF**

**Savings: \$10M TF / \$2.7M GF**

Estimated FY 2018-19

**Savings: \$48M TF / \$13.3M GF**

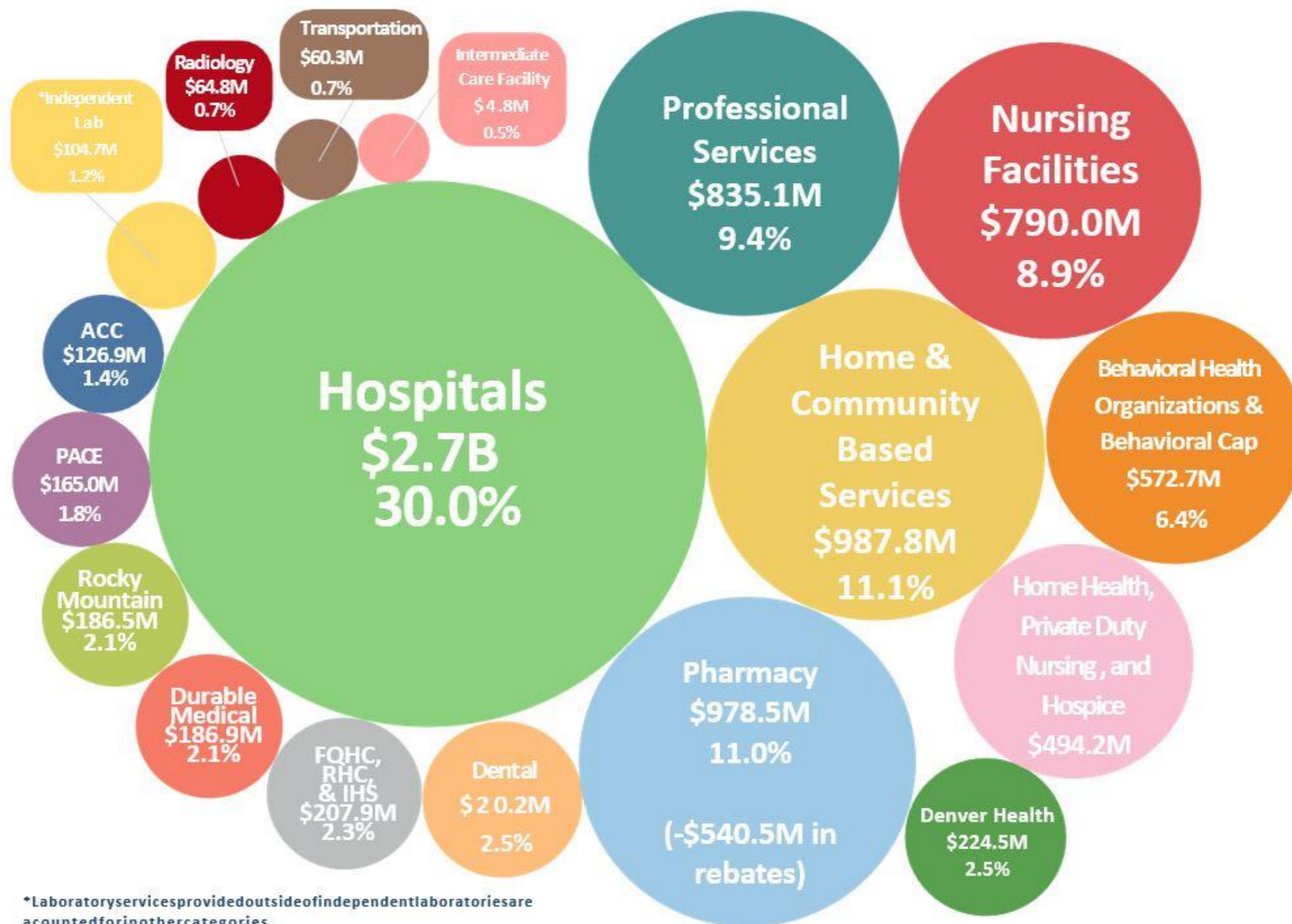
Estimated FY 2019-20



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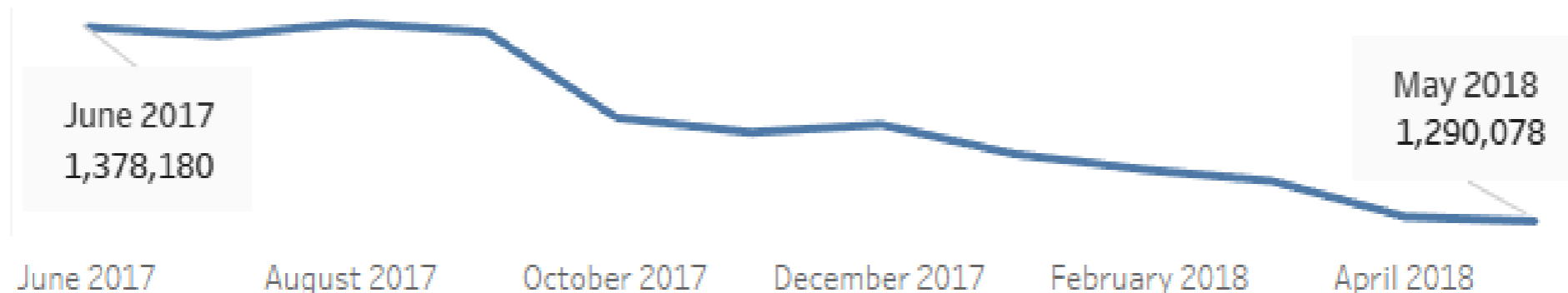
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# Medicaid Expenditure FY17-18



# Medicaid Eligible Clients

## 6.4% Decrease



### Major Contributing Eligibility Categories:

- MAGI Adults decreased 7.2%
  - accounted for 52.7% of overall decrease
- MAGI Children decreased 8.9%
  - accounted for 46.7% of overall decrease
- Disabled Buy-in eligibility has increased 24.5%
  - 7,102 individuals to 8,842

## 12 Month Average PMPM 4.3% Increase



### Major Contributing Benefits:

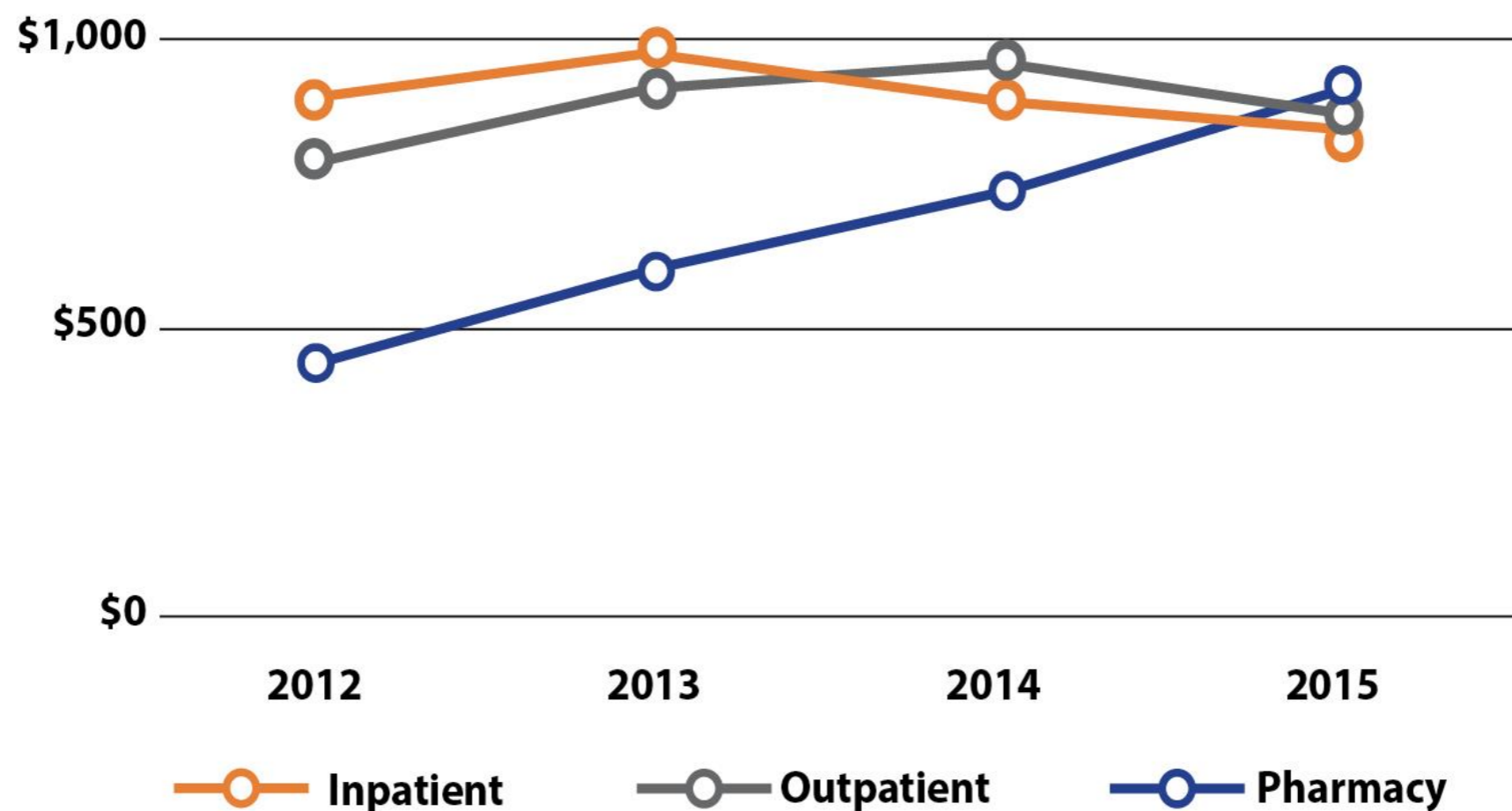
- **Specialty Brand Pharmacy year over year PMPY up 20.0%**
  - Rate of increase lower than previous years (FY1516 - 29.2%, FY1617 - 25.7%)
- Long Term Home Health year over year PMPM up 16.3%
- EBD HCBS waiver year over year PMPM up 14.2%
  - Nearly 50% increase in members utilizing In Home Support Services (IHSS)
  - Cost per utilizer of IHSS relatively unchanged

# Employers and Patients Spend More and More on Rx

*The Roadmap focuses on Rx because for employers, the Rx Benefit Cost has passed outpatient & inpatient hospital line item costs, and for Medicaid, Rx is a \$1 billion gross spend with Specialty Rx at double digit trend*

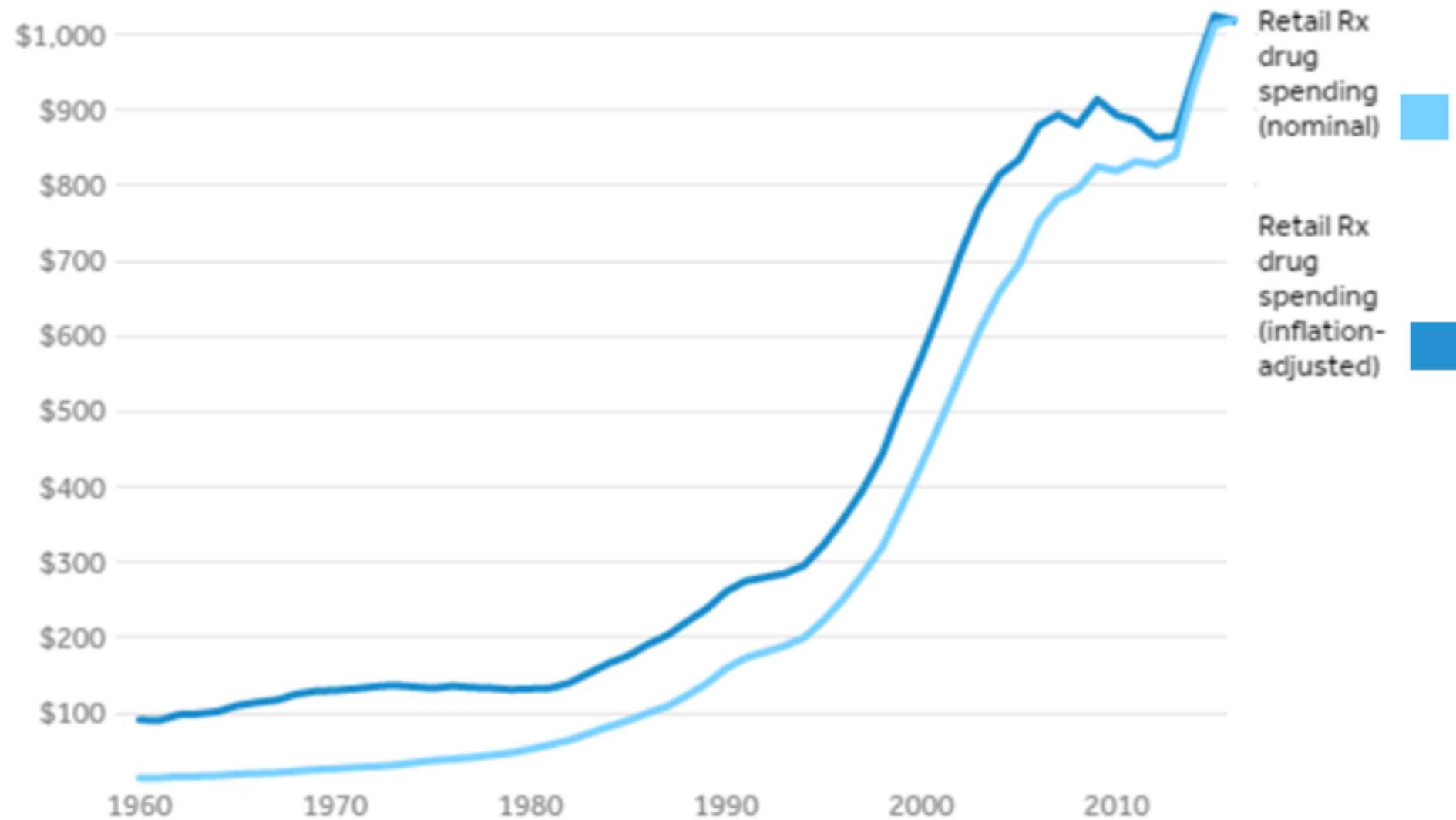
*For Employers, the Rx Benefit Cost has passed outpatient & inpatient hospital costs, consuming an average of 22.5% of benefit dollars as of 2015.*

***Health Plan & Patient Cost per Person per Year in CO***



# Spending on prescription drugs has risen rapidly over past decades

Nominal and inflation-adjusted per capita spending on retail prescription drugs, 1960-2016

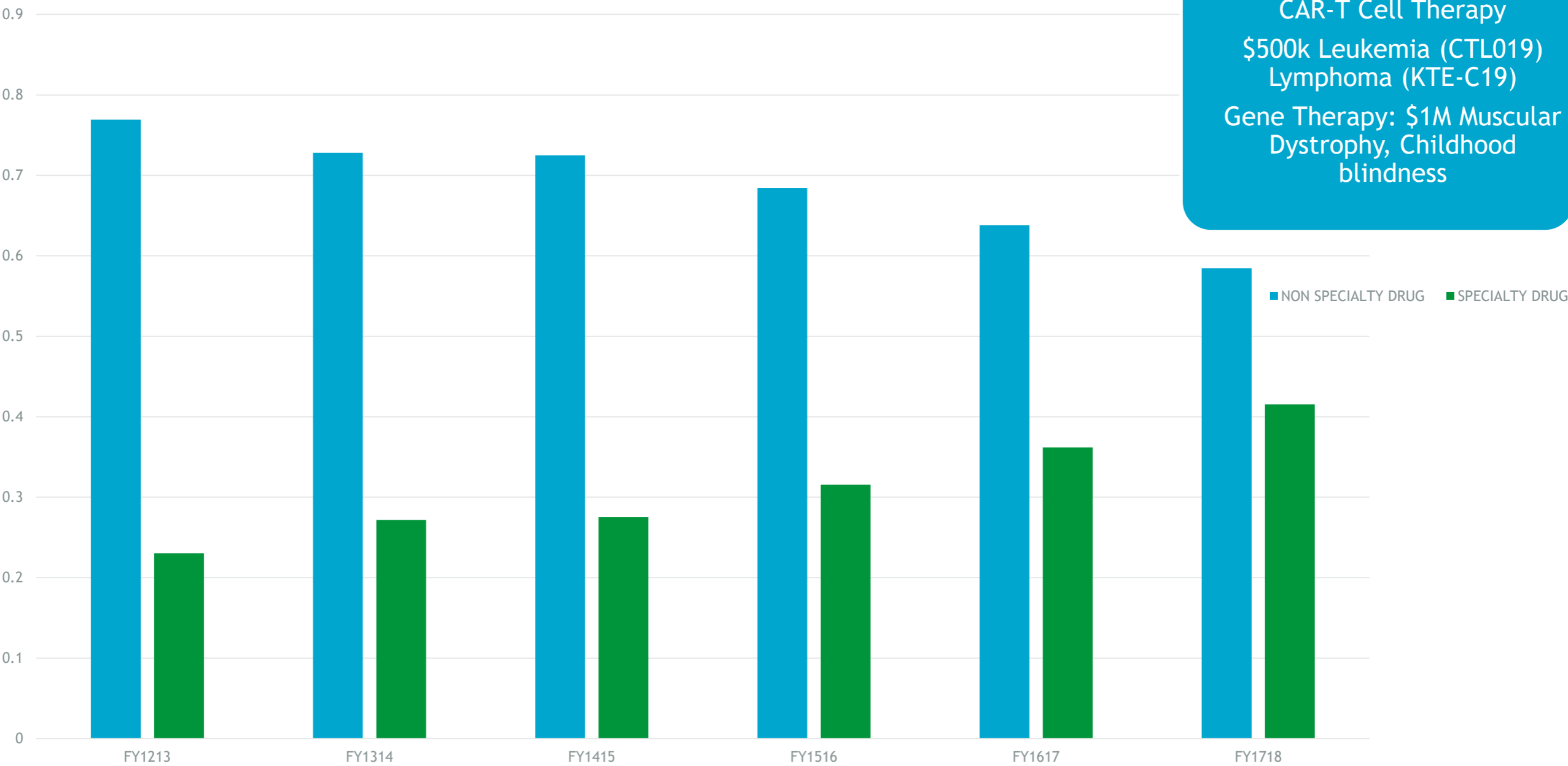


**The Rx Price increase between 1990 - 2016 is unsustainable, as is the trajectory without intervention.**

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Analysis of National Health Expenditures Account • [Get the data](#) • [PNG](#)

Peterson-Kaiser  
**Health System Tracker**

An example of the impact of Specialty Drugs -  
1.25% of CO Medicaid scripts (high cost specialty drugs) are  
consuming 40% of Medicaid's Rx resources - *projected to hit  
50% by 2020 (aligned with national trends)*



# Roadmap Rx Solutions

## Physician Prescribing Shared Tool

- Drives prescribing based on Rx efficacy (cost & quality) vs. DTC ads or manufacturer incentives to influence specific Rx use.
- Loads payer/carrier formularies, reimbursements, copays, prior auth rules.
- Will also host carrier/payer programs by patient so docs can prescribe health improvement programs, not just pills (functional medicine).
- October RFI was released.

## • Manufacturer Rebates and Other Compensation

- **CIVHC new data requirement:** all carriers to provide rebate and other manufacturer compensation to CIVHC. Submissions by March 2019, to include 3 years history.
- **Study rebate impact on carrier MLR and current policies to drive original intent.** Today, rebates are not calculated in the MLR by all carriers.



# Roadmap Rx Solutions

**Pricing Transparency:** Drive understanding of Rx appropriate pricing, to drive prices down. Clarity on manufacturer price drivers, like:

- rebates to PBM/carriers
- payments to docs
- DTC ad costs
- Research expenses and offsetting research grants from others (fed, charities, etc.)
- Other



## Value Based Payments:

- Contracting with manufacturers to ensure shared accountability on appropriate clinical use
- VPB with ACO/PCMH to include Rx

**Prior Authorizations** continued enhancements to drive the right drug at the right time

Potential to allow community to have a say on if **manufacturer sales reps (physician detailing)** should occur in their community

- Other Specialty Rx - in process

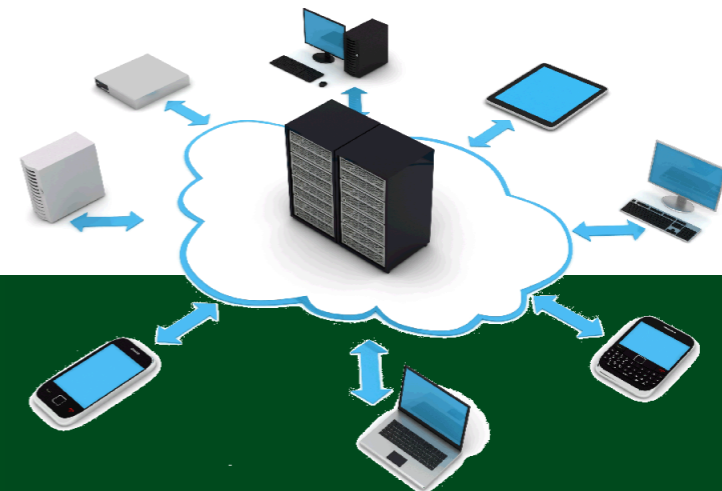


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# Roadmap Solutions: Shared Systems Priorities

- CIVHC enhancements, employer data into CIVHC to improve analysis, insights; APCD focus
- **Physician Prescribing Shared Tool (Rx and Functional Medicine Support Tools)**
  - Drives prescribing based on Rx efficacy (cost & quality) vs. DTC ads or manufacturer incentives to influence specific Rx use. Loads payer/carrier formularies, reimbursements, copays, prior auth rules. Mid-Oct RFI.
  - Will also include request to host the carrier/payer programs by patient so docs can prescribe health improvement programs, not just pills (functional medicine).
- **Public Program Improved Care Coordination:** Social determinants Shared Systems to better coordinate and track program usage, more efficiently support and engage the most vulnerable users, and improve outcomes. There are several concurrent options in play:
  - Shared knowledge and efforts to enhance tools built by the Counties, such as Boulder Connect and Arapahoe County's tool. As well, QHN is building a next gen tool, incl. improved security off these.
  - Concurrent DHS work to secure federal match dollars to build a comprehensive system to host DHS programs and user info.
  - 211 to drive access to support services, including emergency support
  - Exploring [auntbertha.com](http://auntbertha.com), a comprehensive, online resource of social programs such as food, housing, transportation, employment, etc.
- End of Life Planning, Shared Registry, i.e. Advance Directives



# Roadmap Solutions: Innovations

- **First Priority Areas:**
  - **Prometheus** - potentially avoidable costs/quality tool to the market
  - **Telehealth** - CO Rural & Front Range Opportunities
  - **E-Consults** - reduces unnecessary specialist visits; SIM on point
  - Via an InterAgency Agreement with HCPF, School of Medicine to create e-Consults and Telehealth Roadmaps for the state
- **Rx Prescriber shared systems**
  - Rx efficacy focus, in partnership with all the payers
  - System to house all payer/carrier programs to support health improvement (functional medicine program focus) so docs can prescribe programs, not just pills
- **Public-Private Partnerships; Make Colorado the Nation's Healthc**
  - HCPF space in Catalyst building (industry integrator)
  - Next generation innovations and opportunities, partnerships



# Roadmap Solutions: Population Opportunities in partnership with DPHE

## *Teen vaping, adult tobacco use*

- *Consider tax revenues to support pop health initiatives*
- *Executive order to treat vaping like cigarettes (issued Oct 2018)*

## *Addiction: Opioids, meth, alcohol, marijuana*

- *Increase SUD beds with Hospital Transformation Program to drive incentives*
- *Potential review of charity care requirements that prioritize community needs, like SUD*
- *Opioid prescribing discipline, including all providers*
- *SIM*

## *Suicide*

- *Man Therapy, LGBT and veterans focus*

## *Maternal Health*

- *Depression & social determinants screening*
- *Hospital Transformation Program quality incentives*
- *SNAP/WIC outreach for pregnant moms*

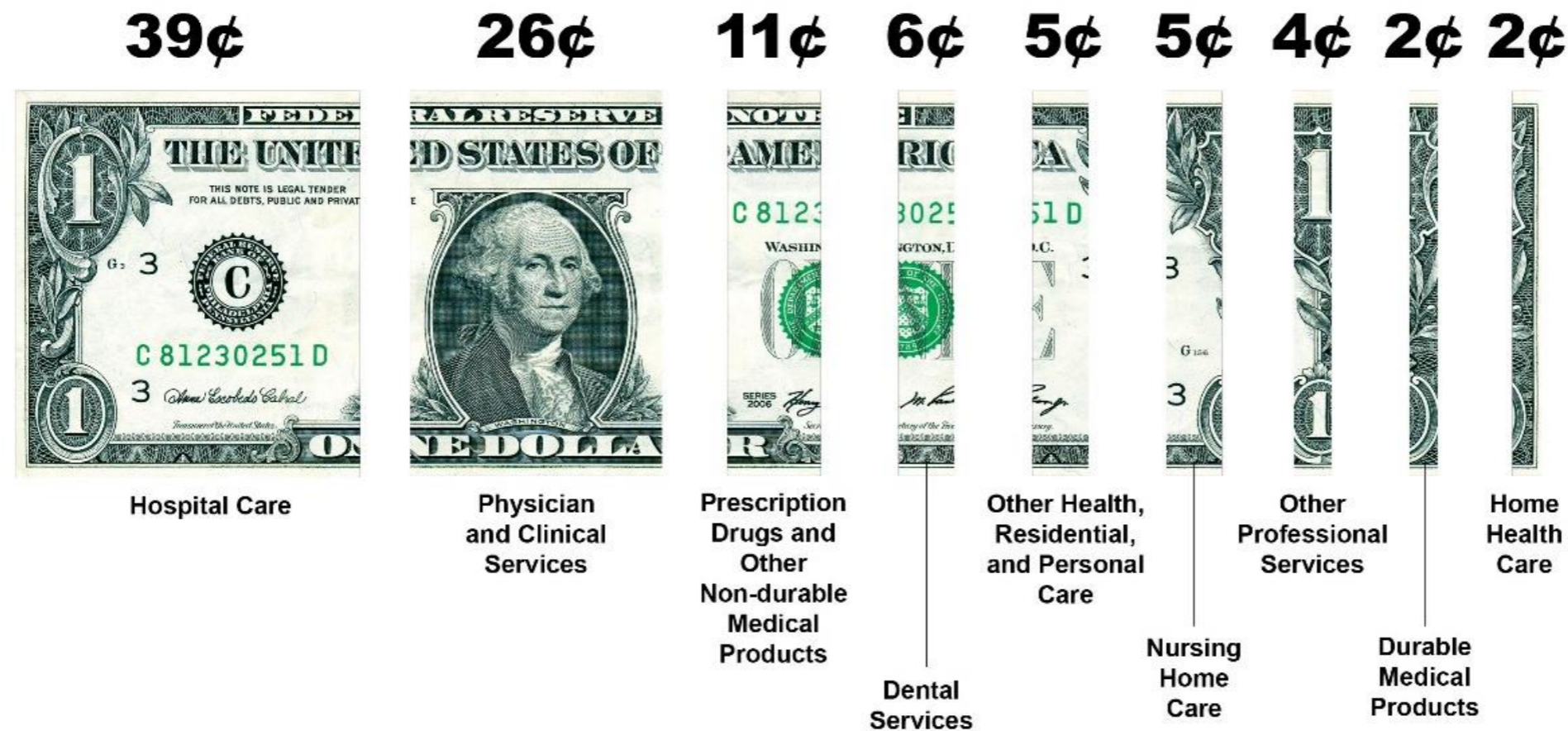


*Shared Quality Standards among all payers to drive better patient outcomes, results, focus*

*Innovation: prescribing tool that incorporates programs to improve health - functional medicine*

# Colorado's Health Care Dollar

The Roadmap dives deep into hospital business practices and trends because hospitals consume about 40% of consumer/employer health dollars while significantly influencing Physician, Rx and other \$\$ as well.



## Spending by Service Type, 2016

**Note:** Prescription drugs category shows retail spending. Rx drug spending is also part of the Hospital and Physician Services categories.

Source: National Health Expenditure Accounts, CMS, Office of the Actuary, 2011 and 2014; Colorado Commission on Affordable Health Care

# **Solutions:** New Voluntary Hospital Program that uses \$1.2B CHASE Fee to Encourage Changes in Hospital Behavior via the **Hospital Transformation Program (HTP)**

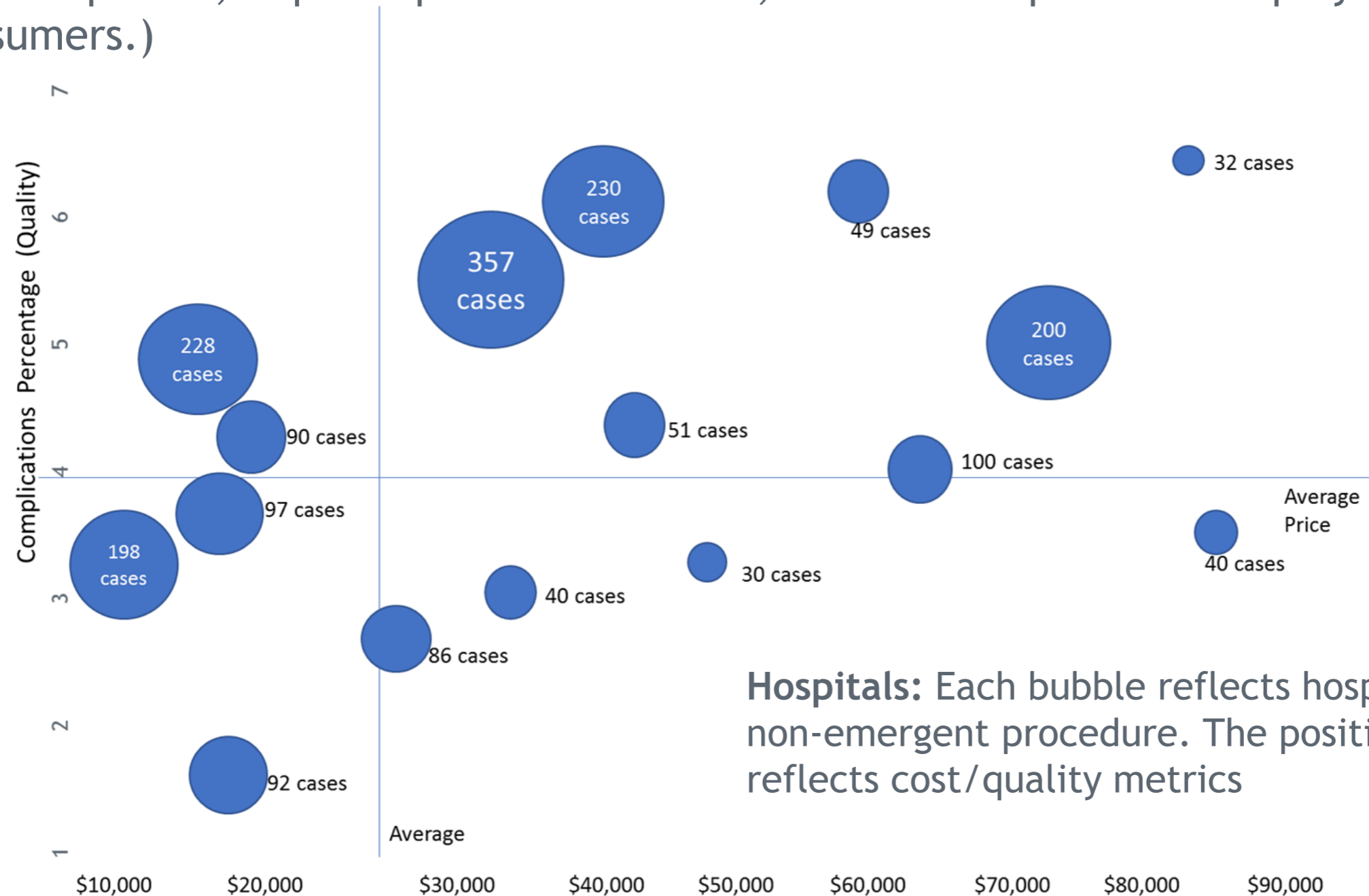
**Protecting the Provider Fee to Benefit Hospitals, especially in Rural communities:** Judge will make his decision without trial likely in Fall 2019.

**HTP: Partnership btw HCPF and CO Hospital Association (CHA) to drive improved behaviors through a re-distribution of the CHASE Fee. Community – Hospital collaboration to determine the priority areas:**

- HTP - Supplemental Payments (provider fee) tied to behavior changes, not just Medicaid volume
- Requires an 1115 Waiver due Fall 2018. Covers five years of evolving initiatives. Examples below:
  - **Eco-System Efficiency:**
    - use of shared, innovative prescribing efficacy tools which also help docs prescribe health improvement programs, not just pills
    - access to Prometheus tools to help hospitals identify opportunities and address them
    - shared customer centric End of Life education tools and & document repository
    - shared quality metrics
  - **Incentives to Drive Delivery System Efficiency:**
    - Reducing FSEDs with incentives to convert;
    - Centers of Excellence partnerships not arms race
  - **Quality:** maternity outcomes, opioid management, Prometheus
  - **Financials Transparency:** reduce cost shift to employers
  - **Care Coordination:** collaboration btw hospitals and Medicaid's care management arms (RAEs)
  - **Appropriate care, appropriate settings, appropriate price**
  - **Evolution to global budgets in rural communities**
- The HTP community engagement process to identify opportunities (carriers, FQHC, DMCC, Advocates, etc.) and CHA partnership are driving a significant number of Cost Control Roadmap priorities.



**Solution:** Through hospital-community collaboration and new payment methodologies that recognize ecosystem challenges, we can increase patient volume to higher quality, lower cost hospitals by procedure, creating a win-win-win for the community (increase hospital profits, improve patient outcomes, lower costs/prices to employers and consumers.)



**Hospitals:** Each bubble reflects hospital volume for a non-emergent procedure. The position of the bubble reflects cost/quality metrics

\*illustrative example, not actual data

Weighted Average Allowed per Admission (Cost)

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# Other Colorado Solutions



## Efficiency

- Dual Track ED
- Conversion of FSED to urgent care/primary care/other
- Prometheus quality tool & CIVHC pricing insights (consensus on cost/quality)
- Treatment comparisons btw hospitals using episode of care
- Based on cost/quality consensus, Centers of Excellence partnership and collaboration btw hospitals via Multi-Provider Collaborative vs. Arms Race
- Consider ways to enable the community (employers and consumers) to control hospital vertical and horizontal integration as well as construction



## Aligned Quality, Incentives

- Quality:
  - Risk assessment in first trimester
  - Maternity-post discharge follow-up
  - Opioid prescribing guidelines
- Continue hospital transformation program waiver (HTP)
- Alternate Payment Methodologies
- Out of Network contracting and reimbursement
- Create incentives to control administrative cost growth (similar to FQ work)



## Accountability

- Transparency into hospital financials, especially cost shift
- Community Health Need/Neighborhood Assessment with independent monitoring
- Qualification for non-profit, tax preference and evaluation of community investment trade-off
- Improved monitoring of billing practices
- Non-profit cost growth management