

2025-2026 #138 - Amended

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:***SECTION 1.** In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 17 to article XVIII as follows:**Section 17. Right to Private Health Insurance.****(1) Definitions.** ~~WITHIN THIS SECTION~~ AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE" MEANS STATE-ADMINISTERED HEALTH INSURANCE THAT PROVIDES THE SAME HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE ~~UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO HOLD.~~

(b) ~~"UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE" MEANS A PUBLIC SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES THE SAME PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.~~

(2) Single-payer insurance prohibited.

(a) THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL NOT:

(I) BAN ACCESS TO PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE; OR

~~, NOR SHALL THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS~~ (II) REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN A SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE SYSTEM.

(b) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM ADMINISTERING

~~HEALTHCARE~~ HEALTH CARE PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS THROUGH ~~MEDICAID~~ MEDICAID OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR ~~FEDERALLY FUNDED~~ FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM.