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# Children's Hospital Colorado Annual Report to City Council

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# Overview

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# A System of Support



**17** hospital and clinic locations across Colorado, including Aurora, Broomfield, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction and Highlands Ranch



**2,768** medical staff, **2,665** volunteers and **347** pediatric medical residents and fellows committed to pediatric excellence



A regional leader in innovation, research, diagnosis and

best practices for pediatric conditions

# 2025-26 Best Children's

## Hospitals

We rank among the best in all 11 recognized specialties:

SPECIALTY	RANK
Cardiology and Heart Surgery	#2
Diabetes and Endocrinology	#3
Cancer	#4
Pulmonology	#4
Gastroenterology and GI Surgery	#7
Orthopedics	#11
Neurology and Neurosurgery	#13
Urology	#13
Neonatology	#14
Nephrology	#25
Behavioral Health	Top 50



CHCO Ranked in **Top 10 (Honor Roll)**



**CHCO Ranked # 1**  
in the state of Colorado



**CHCO Ranked # 1**  
in the Rocky Mountain Region



**Only top-ranked** children's  
hospital in the 12 surrounding  
states



**4 Specialties**  
Ranked in the **Top 5**

# 2025-26 Best Children's Hospitals Landscape



	Boston
	CHCO
	CHLA
	CHOP
	Cincinnati
	National
	Nationwide
	Rady
	Seattle
	Texas

No pediatric hospital better equipped to care for kids in a 1,000-mile radius

# By the Numbers

## Overall System of Care

**196,987**

Emergency and urgent  
care visits

**140,574**

Days of patient care

**19,448**

Inpatient admissions

**697,194**

Outpatient visits

**30,720**

Total surgeries

**632**

Licensed beds

## Children's Hospital Colorado, Southern Colorado

**48,440**

Total visits to the hospital

**38,060**

Emergency department visits

**152,542**

Total visits across the hospital and  
all specialty and outpatient clinics  
in Southern Colorado

**8,035**

Inpatient hospital admissions

**5,484**

Surgeries performed

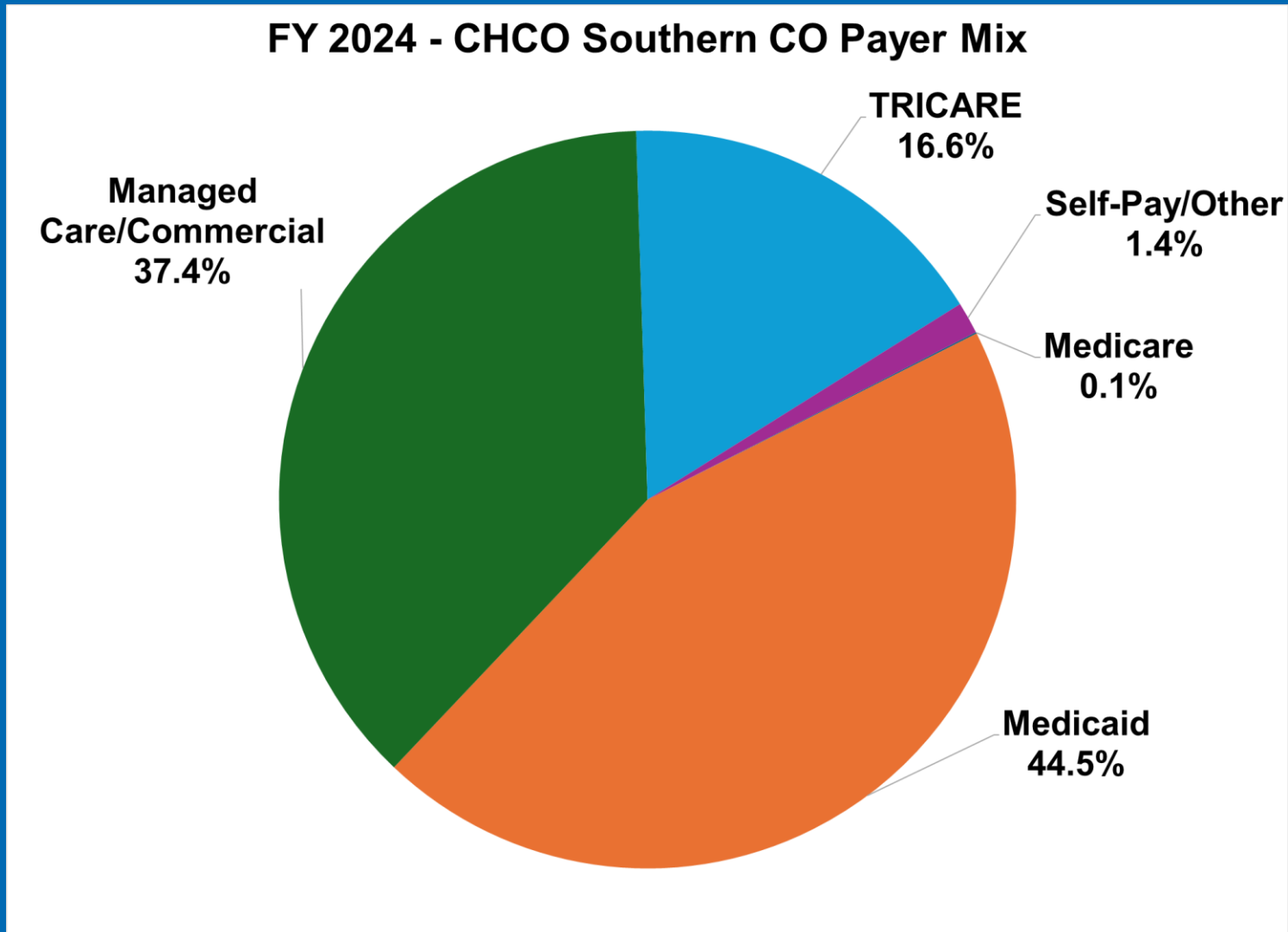
**57,000+**

Outpatient clinic visits





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- By the end of 2024, our Charting Pediatrics Podcast released **94** episodes, and our enduring education program launched **23** new modules. The platform has reached more than **38,000** learners.
- We partnered with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to launch the Colorado Child Health Research Institute. It serves as our home for child health research, where scientists collaborate across disciplines.
- Our regional care model now includes **13** Care Alliance partners.



The Children's Colorado Regional Clinics hosted **1,175** clinic sessions across **14** specialties and



# Patient Safety & Quality Updates

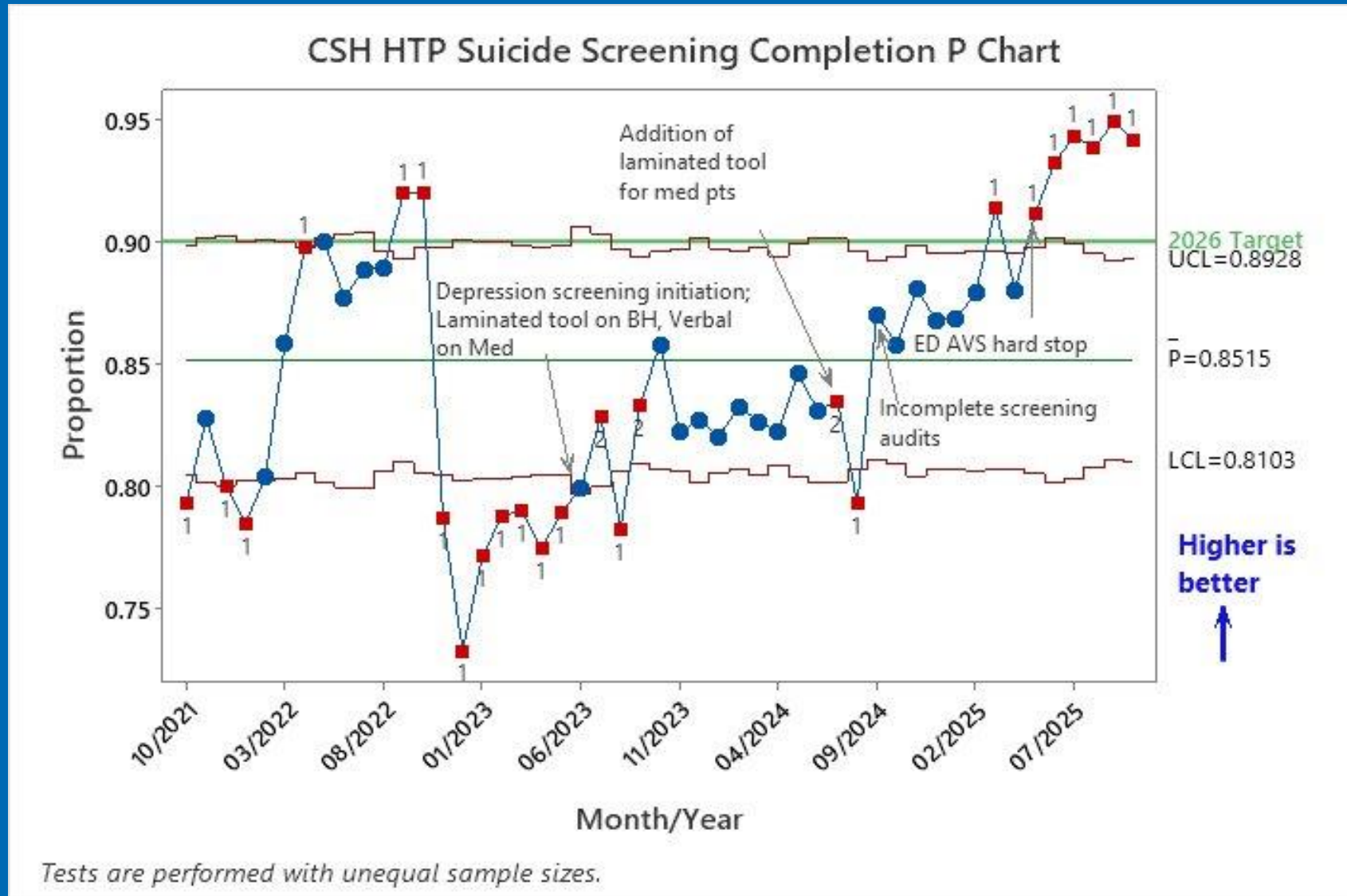
## ***When Seconds Matter: Local Expertise Saves Lives***

This fall, a high school student with no known cardiac history went into cardiac arrest during the school day. The student received CPR and shocks at school, was transferred to our hospital and met in the Emergency Department by our pediatric care team including our pediatric cardiologist, pediatric intensivist, and two pediatric emergency medicine specialists.

Transferred to our Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and quickly placed on lifesaving cardiac and respiratory support.

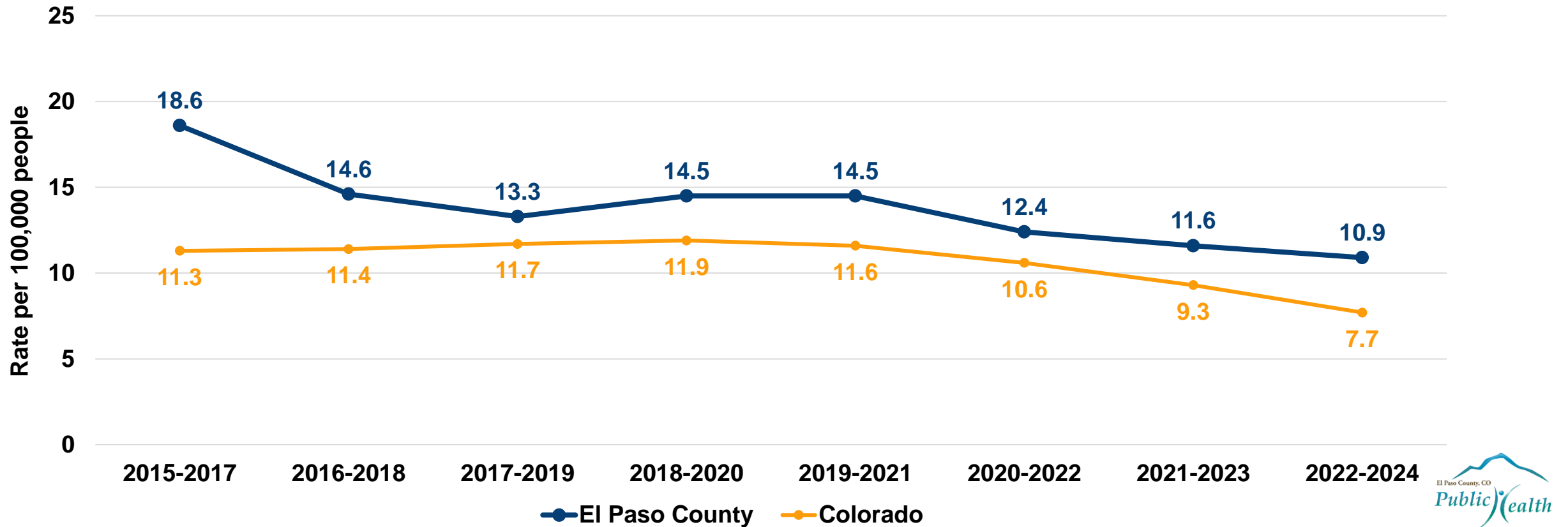


# Pediatric Suicide Prevention



# Youth Suicide Rolling 3-year average 2015-2024

Rolling three-year average suicide rate among youth 10 to 18 years of age, El Paso County and Colorado, 2015 to 2024

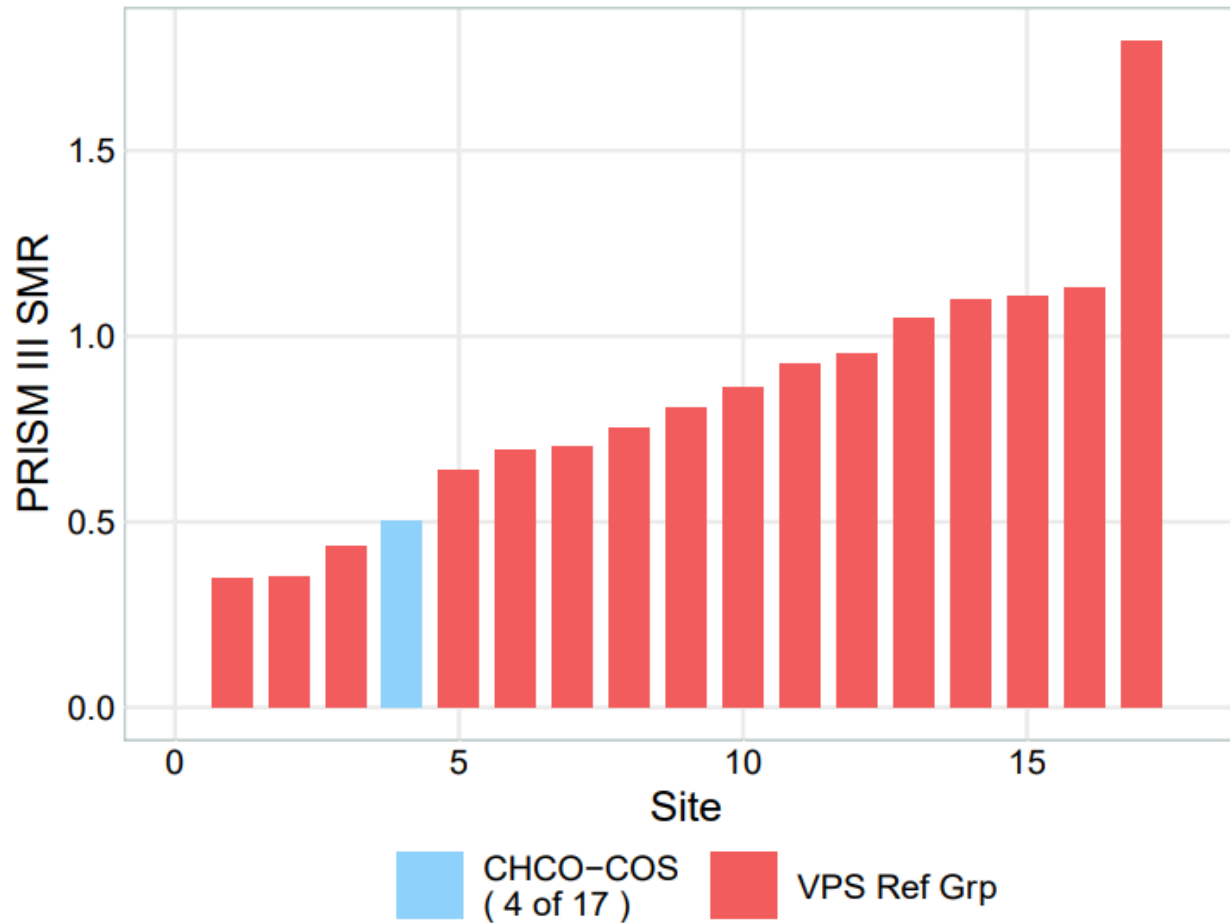


Data Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Vital Statistics Program

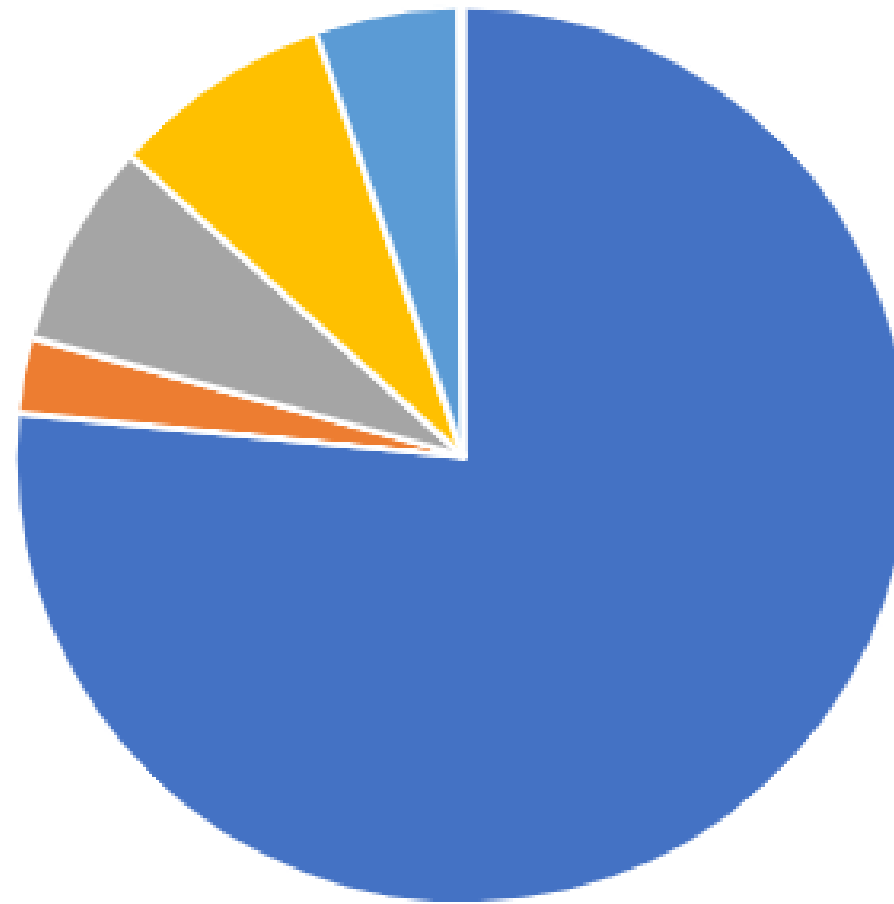
# Pediatric Intensive Care

## PRISM III Standardized Mortality Ratio

Statistical Test: Statistically Significantly Lower



# Community Benefit (2024)



■ Financial Assistance (\$337M)

■ Subsidized Health Services (\$12M)

■ Research (\$32M)

■ Health Professions Education (\$35M)

■ Community Health Improvement (\$23M)

■ Cash and In-Kind Contributions (\$0.5M)

# Community Health Improvement \$23M

- Child Health Advocacy Institute
- Community Health Navigators/Workers
- Resource Connect
- Medical-Legal Partnership
- Healthy Roots Food Clinic & Garden
- Injury Prevention (car seats, bike helmets, etc.)
- School Nurse Professional Development
- School-Based Mental Health Services
- School-Based Dental Clinic
- Colorado Alliance for School Health
- Family Aid
- Bug Watch
- Burn Camp
- Government Affairs and Advocacy on children's mental health, health-related social needs and other community health priorities
- Partners for Children's Mental Health
- Community outreach and education in various service lines (Breathing Institute, Pediatric Mental Health Institute, Trauma Services, EMS, etc.)
- Just Ask Children's (e-

Yellow = Programs that reach the Colorado Springs' community



# 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment Priorities

Colorado  
Springs

## Health Priorities



Mental health



Injury



Preventive care

## Social Drivers of Health



Access to care



Nutrition security



Housing

# 2025 Community Health Needs Implementation Strategy

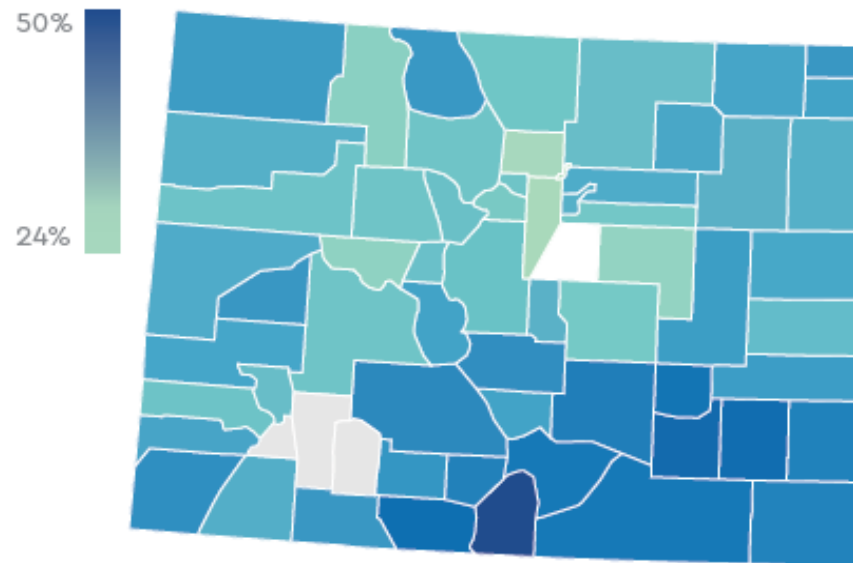
<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/community/community-health/community-health-needs-assessment/>



# Pediatric Provider Impacts Under H.R. 1

## Colorado Medicaid coverage for children

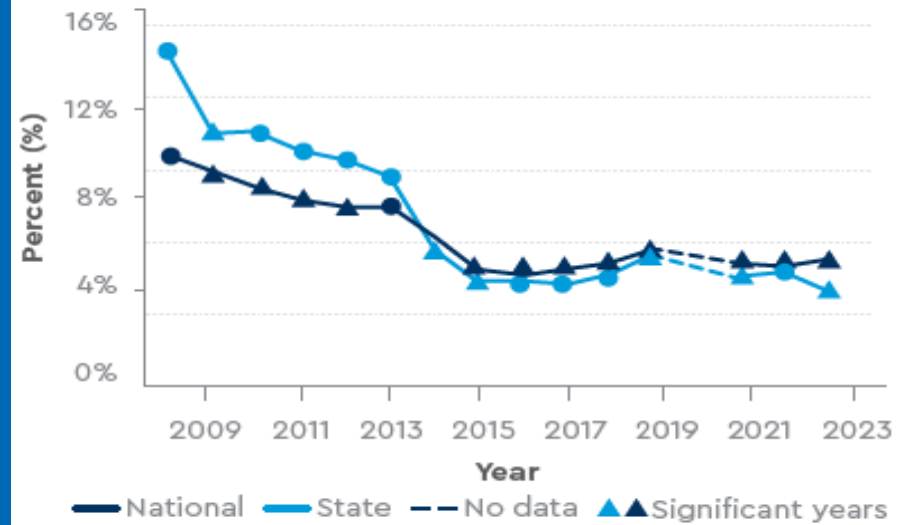
Nationally, Medicaid covers over half of all children, including half of all births. Locally, about 45% of Colorado kids are covered by Medicaid and the Child Health Plan Plus. Medicaid also plays a vital role in rural and underserved areas, helping keep clinics and hospitals open by supporting local health systems and providers. Children make up over one-third of program enrollees but account for just one sixth of its spending.



## Historic and bipartisan support for children's coverage

Colorado lawmakers from both parties have worked together to expand health insurance coverage for children. After decades of progress expanding children's coverage, Colorado must act to protect those hard-won gains and prevent reversals.

### Rate of uninsured children under 19



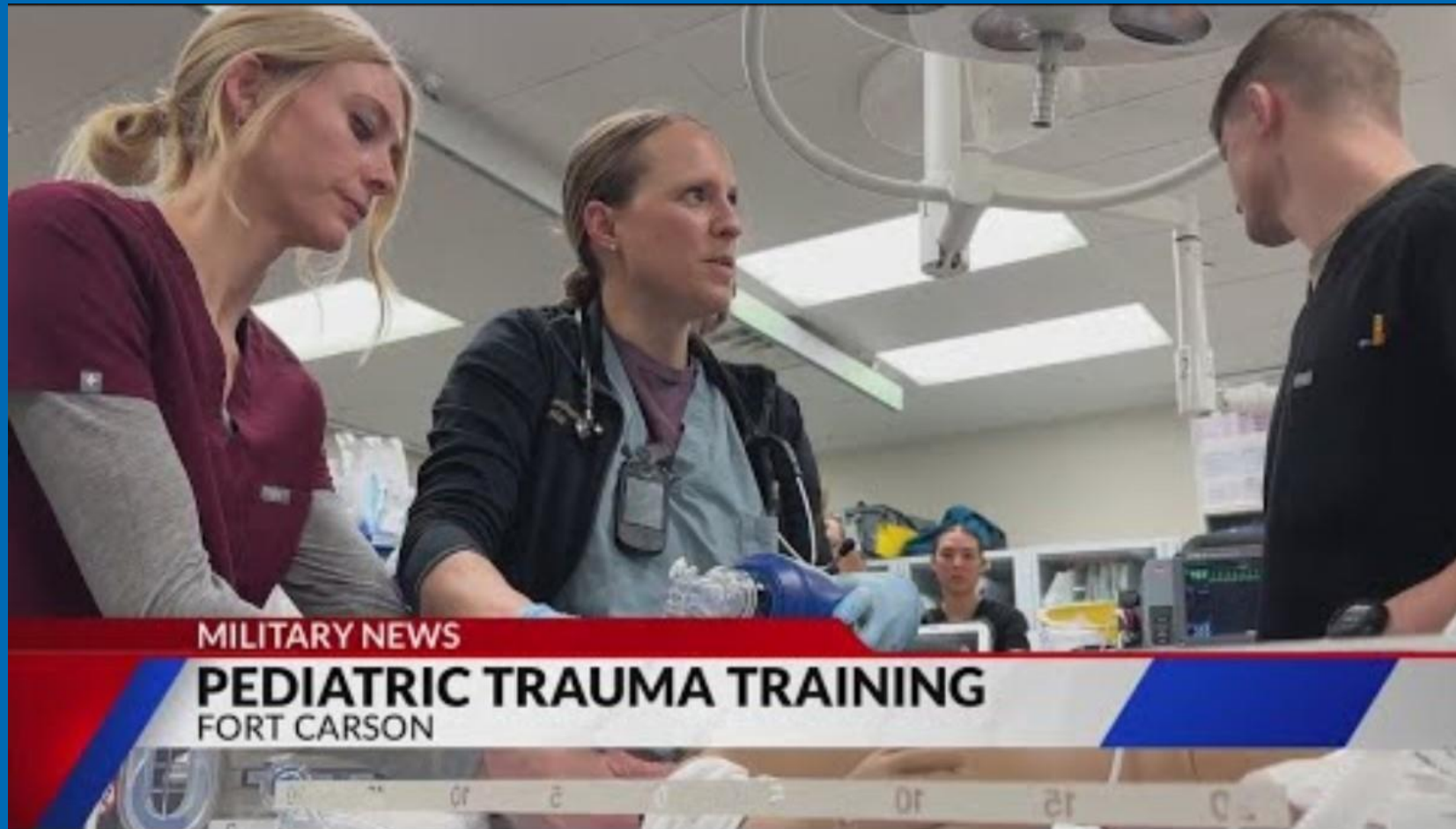
# State Budget Pressures and Pediatric Provider Impacts Under H.R. 1

## Funding Reductions Impacting Access-to-Care

- Lower federal matching funds and provider fee decreases reduce total Medicaid funds for providers.
- Budget pressure limits reimbursement growth while providers must manage significant growth in labor and operational expenses.
- Rural and safety-net providers face heightened financial vulnerability due to higher Medicaid patient loads.
- Over time, there could be greater uncompensated care due to coverage losses.
- Downstream effects on overall child health access and continuity of care.



# Children's Hospital Colorado experts train staff members at Evans Army Community Hospital on pediatric





**Thank You and Happy Holidays**  
*from our whole care team... including our dog-tors!*

