



# CHALLENGES FACING MEDICAID AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING IN COLORADO: A GUIDE FOR POLICYMAKERS



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**Colorado's Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is growing while Medicaid coverage is shrinking to nearly its 2015 level.**

Between 2015 and 2025, HCPF spending grew

 **101%**

while the rest of the state budget grew by just **64%**.

**HCPF spent**

**\$16 BILLION** in 2025 

It could have spent **\$10.8 billion in 2025 without underlying cost increases** added by state and federal policy.

## KEY FACTS:

Between 2018 and 2024,

**Medicaid enrollment rose by 7.6%**

Meanwhile:

 **78%** HCPF total FTE employment rose **78%**

 **101%** HCPF spending from the executive director's office rose **101%**

