



**PLEASE OPPOSE SB170
LIMITED SERVICES CLINICS RETAIL OUTLETS**

SB 170 is unnecessary and goes too far in limiting scope of medical practice and procedures for operating a convenient care clinic (CCC) or retail based health clinic. This would limit retail-based convenient care clinics in Colorado, having the unintended consequence of cutting off a valuable point of access to healthcare services that are affordable, accessible and high quality.

- SB 170 claims that CCCs do not have uniform or consistent guidelines which is inaccurate; CCCs follow strict policies and guidelines set by federal, state and local officials and comply with all state and local health regulations. CCCs with membership in the Convenient Care Association adhere to quality and safety standards and are certified or accredited through a third party. CCCs follow OSHA, CLIA, HIPAA, ADA and CDC requirements and guidelines.
- CCCs quality and safety standards were developed with input from leading medical, nursing and quality organizations. Practitioners are fully credentialed and licensed.
- The demand for affordable, accessible health care is why CCCs based in retail outlets with pharmacy services, have flourished in Colorado.
- CCCs complement traditional health care delivery systems by serving as an entry point for care; they take pressure off of overburdened physician practices and emergency rooms.
- Most clinics are open every day, including extended weekday and weekend hours. Appointments are not necessary which increases access to care for hardworking Colorado families.
- CCCs are a critical public health ally for the 30-40 percent of the American population that does not have a primary care provider or insurance.
- CCCs prominently display their healthcare services and pricing, so patients know cost up front. Also, most insurance is accepted at CCCs, allowing patients other entry point to care.

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- CCCs are convenient for Colorado's working families; SB 170 would prohibit CCCs from seeing children under 24 months old for routine ailments, such as an ear infection during evenings or weekends. For Colorado families this is an unnecessary and unfair burden to cut off access to safe and affordable healthcare.
- CCCs use electronic health records to help improve patients' long-term quality of care and improve efficiency and continuity.
- CCCs standard protocol is to give patients copies of their records and lab results to take with them to the primary care provider. At a patient's request, CCCs will forward electronic or printed records of their visit to their primary care provider.
- SB 170 also dictates that CCCs must keep a roster of primary care physicians and find a patient provider. CCCs are happy to help a patient find a primary care provider, but dictating in law that CCCs must keep a roster of providers is burdensome. Primary care providers can change daily if they are accepting or not accepting new patients, it would be difficult for a CCC to stay on top of these daily changes.
- SB 170 limits the amount of times a patient can utilize a CCC, patients have a right to choice and seek care wherever best suits their families.

SB170 overreaches in limiting the scope of services that a CCC can offer to patients of all ages and cuts off access to care in a time when affordable and convenient healthcare is hard for Colorado families to find.

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