Voices of Rural Colorado
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Health care costs have been dramatically rising for the past two decades, in Colorado and across our nation. Despite the progress made on expanding access to health care, as well as improving quality, rising costs are creating challenges for families, businesses, and public agencies a like.
CAVEAT!
Purpose

- Outline the public policy issues related to health care in Colorado
- Offer a perspective
- Answer questions
Major Areas for Focus

- Consolidation of hospitals
- Tax exempt status of hospitals
- Hospital ownership of primary care practices
- Reinsurance for the individual market
- Single geographic rating area
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- Out-of network billing ("surprise billing")
- Cooperatives
- Network adequacy standards
QUESTIONS?