



Speaking to legislators/elected officials about working on a health care bill with us

When you identify yourself, include that you are a volunteer (unpaid) with the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care. If you are a constituent, let him or her know. You may be asked for your address. Always be appreciative and gracious—we want legislators to look forward to talking with us.

1. Emphasize that we need a health care financing system that provides for quality, affordable health care for every Coloradan.
2. Suggest that contingency planning as far in advance as possible makes for wise decision-making rather than crisis-reactive measures.
3. Remind your elected official that any individual or political party that creates health care security for every Coloradan will be popular and appreciated.

The Asks:

Even now, almost ½ million Coloradans have no health insurance; another ½ million are underinsured (that's 1 in 5 of us); and an unknown number are stuck in unsuitable jobs just to have health insurance. The future is uncertain for businesses, families, health care professionals, and for the state budget.

1. Do you have plans to address that need?

If not:

Would you be interested in working with some others to see what can be developed?

Would you like to participate later, e.g. after the session is over?

Would you like to be kept informed with the possibility that you will consider being a co-sponsor on a bill in 2018?

If yes:

That's encouraging, thank you. What are those plans?

If the plans don't include health care for everyone or if the plans are a version of "wait and see," ask the above questions as if they had answered "no."

2. **When you are talking with constituents as well as with other legislators and government officials, will you actively endorse the need for a health care system that covers every Coloradan?**
3. **Will you actively advocate for immediate development of future contingency options to address the health care needs of Coloradans?**