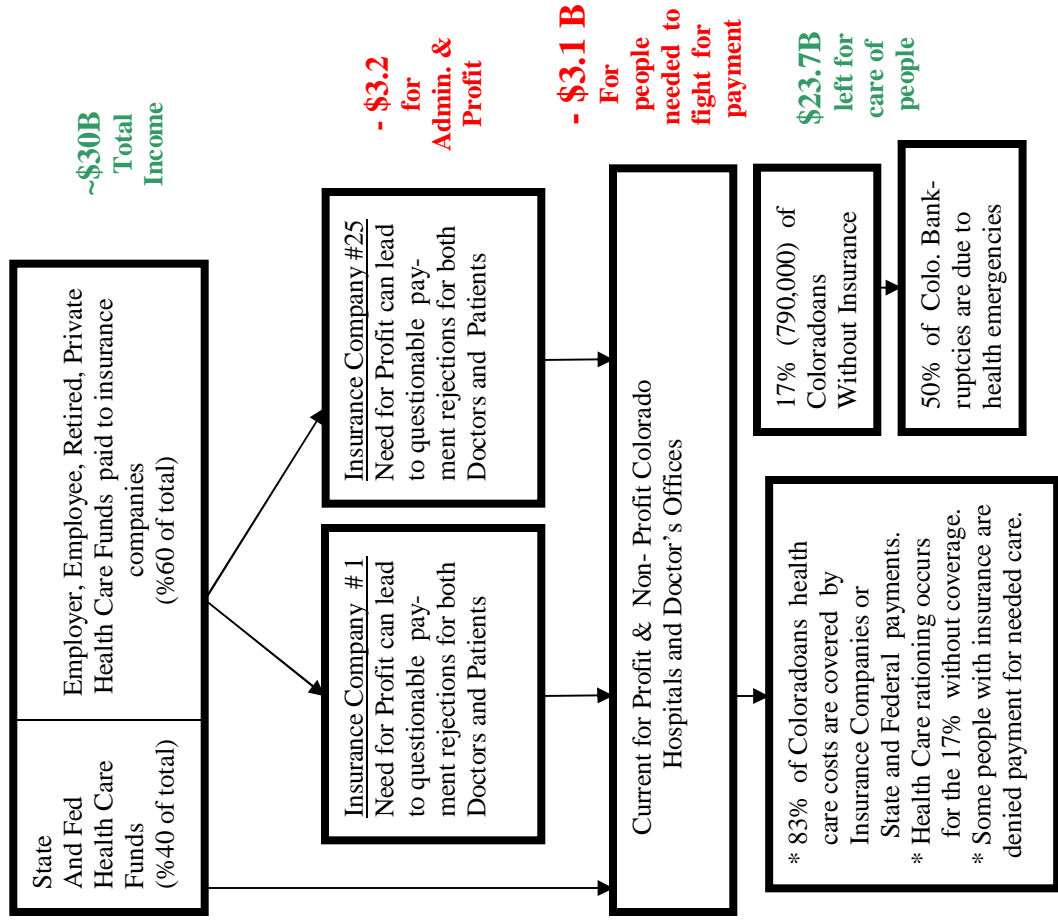


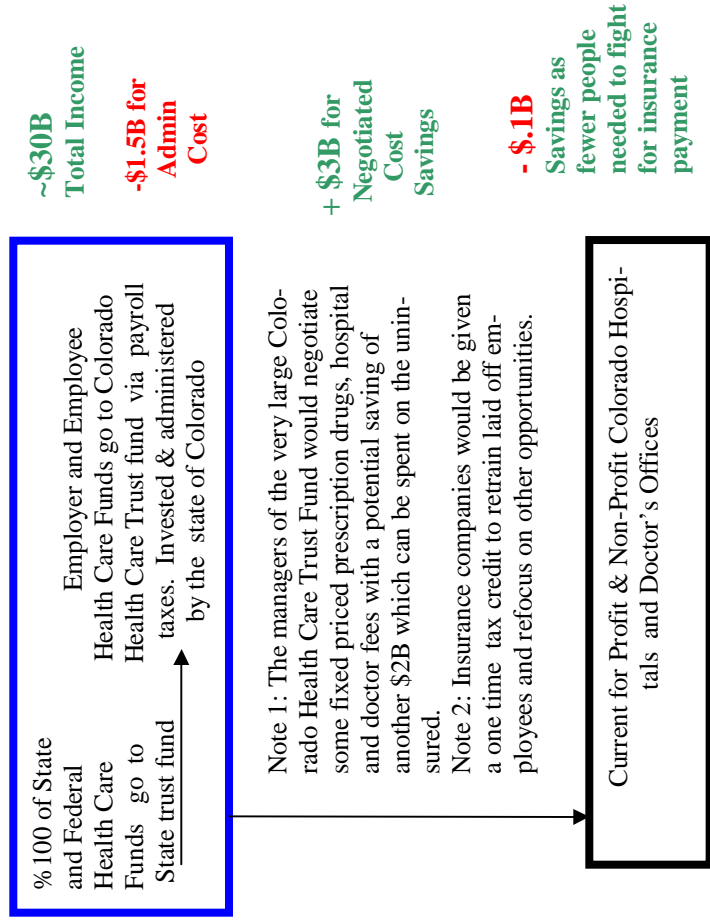
# Simplified Cost Saving Model for Colorado Single Payer Health Care System With For-Profit Health Care Providers

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## Current Colorado Insurance Based Health Care System



## Proposed Colorado Single Payer Health Care System



Note 1 - In Colorado's Single Payer System, ALL for profit & non-profit hospitals and doctor's offices remain in place.

Note 2 - All dollar amounts shown are based on Lewin Group 8/23/07 report.

## What do we do to help get a single payer system in Colorado?

The very best way to help is allowing your Single Payer voice heard by your family, friends, neighbors, your legislators and the governor. Your willingness to witness for a single payer health care system similar to the Canadian system is important. **Start by familiarizing yourself about the Canadian Health Care System at this site:** <http://www.ourfuture.org/blog-entry/mythbusting-canadian-health-care-part-1>

Send a Single Payer email to your Colorado Legislators via this site:

<http://www.progressnowaction.org/page/speakout/singlepayer>

Send a Single Payer email to Gov. Ritter's health care adviser Liza Fox [liza.fox@state.co.us](mailto:liza.fox@state.co.us)

Health care talking points (attach this brochure):

**Single Payer health care provides true free choice of providers and hospitals.** Multi-payer insurance plans limit provider and hospital choices. Employer changes require employee change of providers, disrupting health care and prevent re-insurance do to pre-existing conditions.

**Single Payer insurance cuts** wasteful administrative spending (31 cents of each health care dollar) that now goes to exorbitant CEO salaries (even non-profits), company profits, and providers' need to hire extra office staff to process multi-payer insurance billing and re-billing paperwork.

**Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a showing of SICKO** with a discussion afterwards. Print this brochure to assist discussion. The Social Justice Council has SICKO DVDs you can check out for free! Email:

[Social-Justice@uucboulder.org](mailto:Social-Justice@uucboulder.org) or catch us at church.

**Thank you for helping to obtain health care coverage for all Coloradoans!**

## What Health Care Problems In Colorado?

The 208 Blue Ribbon Commission reported to the state legislature that 17% (790,000) of Coloradoans do not have primary health care insurance which means our current insurance based system rations health care to 790,000 people in Colorado! In addition, approximately 50% of Colorado personal bankruptcies can be attributed to health care emergencies. Coloradoans of conscience believe we should assist our fellow citizens in attaining affordable primary health care. To do so, we must either raise taxes and/or improve efficiencies to cover our uninsured citizens.

### Can't We just raise taxes to Cover All?

The Tabor Amendment and resistance to raising taxes in Colorado makes this option impossible. The best way is to improve efficiencies by introducing a Single Payer System using our existing for-profit caregivers.

### Why does a Single Payer, For-Profit System provide more money for health care?

The simplified flow diagram on the other side of this brochure compares our current insurance company system shown on the left side and the proposed Single Payer System on the right. Basically, we have \$30B health care funds from all sources (feds, state, insurance companies, private) to work with in Colorado. The insurance companies take \$3B for administrative and profit costs. Then our hardworking health care providers spend another \$3.1B for administrative costs to bill all of the many different insurance companies, and re-bill them when their service billing claims are routinely rejected by the insurance companies. This leaves only \$23B for actual health care, leaving 790,000 citizens without primary health care, i.e. they suffer health care rationing.

Following the right side of the diagram shows that getting insurance companies out of the loop, and using our existing for-profit health care system provides an extra tax free \$7B for health care. Single payer rations care on a triage basis, as opposed to ones ability to pay. Bankruptcies due to health care emergencies would drop to near zero. A win-win for obtaining primary Health Care for Colorado's 790,000 uninsured.



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