



# PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT CHRONIC DISEASE

## Capturing Consumer Health Care Experiences to Advance Access & Affordability Reforms

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# Who is PFCD

The Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease (PFCD) is a global coalition of patient, provider, community, business and labor groups, and health policy experts, committed to raising awareness of the **No. 1** cause of death, disability and rising health care costs: chronic disease.

## OUR MISSION

- ✓ **EDUCATE** the public about chronic disease and potential solutions for individuals and communities
- ✓ **MOBILIZE** the public to call for change in how governments, employers, and health institutions approach chronic disease
- ✓ **CHALLENGE** policymakers on the health policy changes that are necessary to effectively fight chronic disease

# Convening Stakeholders



Chair: Ken Thorpe,  
Professor and Chair,  
Rollins School of Public  
Health, Emory University

Hundreds of partner organizations worldwide with **ONE** message:  
You can't manage costs without managing chronic diseases



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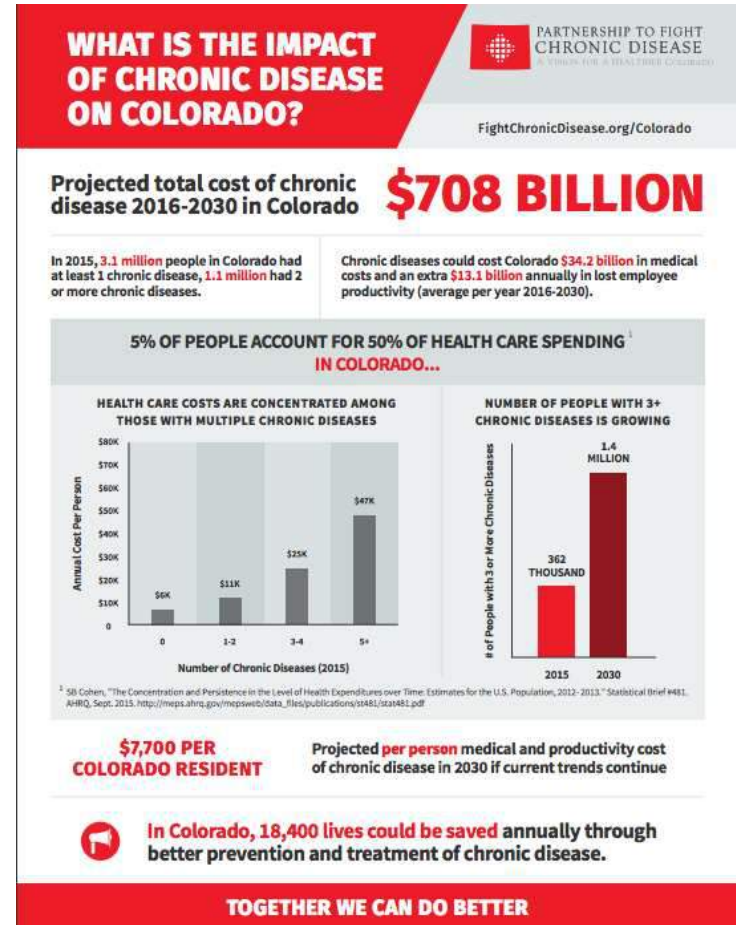
# Chronic Disease Burden

- In 1987, chronic disease accounted for about two-thirds of total health care spending today it accounts for 86%.
- Almost 90 cents of every \$1 we spend on health care is associated with chronically ill patients.
- Nearly 70% of health care spending is linked to patients with 3 or more chronic conditions.
- Over 35% of spending is associated with patients with 5 or more chronic conditions



# Chronic Disease Burden

- IHS Markit analyzed chronic disease impact over the next 15 years: status quo vs. action taken.
- 50 states, D.C. & National findings underscore the need for changes.



# Improving Access & Affordability

## *Just a few more reasons WHY*

- TODAY about 59% of Americans have at least 1 chronic condition, 75 MILLION have 2 or more, including 2 out of 3 Medicare beneficiaries
- Projected total cost of chronic disease from now to 2030 in CO is \$708 BILLION
- 18,400 lives could be saved annually in CO through better prevention and treatment of chronic disease



# Bridging Gaps

- ACCESS to care is IMPERATIVE.
- So what are Americans experiences with the health care system like? Is the care they need available to them? What coverage/cost barriers do they experience?



# Morning Consult Survey

- 22K+ respondents on health care experiences and concerns
- Study size allows for drilling down by state, gender, age, or health status
- Feedback includes:
  - Top health care cost concerns
  - Issues with access among insured
  - Top priorities for elected officials
  - Information needed/transparency







# Morning Consult Survey

## NATIONAL TOPLINES

- 77%: I or someone I know had trouble using health insurance in the past year.
- 43%: Costs have increased in the past year.
- Among registered voters, only 11% say their health insurance has gotten better. 63% report it's gotten worse or stayed the same.
- <http://data.fightchronicdisease.org/>





# Morning Consult Survey COLORADO

69%: Health insurance covered less than expected  
... leaving an unexpected medical bill.

55%: High deductible made it hard to afford  
needed care.

50%: Unable to fill Rx because out-of-pocket costs  
were too high.

49%: Treatment recommended by doctor was not  
covered



# What's next?

## Repeal & Replace ACA?



- Repeal and replace dead or on life support?
- Lots of power over ACA without Congressional action:
  - Funding streams (HHS, Healthcare.gov, cost-sharing subsidies)
  - Governing regulations (Defining essential health benefits, “qualified health plans”)
  - Enforcement (individual mandate, employer mandate)
  - Medicaid waivers more liberal

# TOP Policy Priorities COLORADO

*Holding health insurance companies accountable for inappropriate denials of care (64%)*

*Managing health insurance premium increases (60%).*

*Requiring insurers to provide out-of-pocket costs for hospital & physician care upfront (57%)*

*Lowering co-pays and deductibles for medical and physician care (54%)*





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