

Introduction to Draft State Universal Vaccine Purchasing (SUVVP) legislation for Colorado including Safety Net Immunization Program (SNIP)

Overview: Colorado Universal Immunization Funding Act

The Colorado Universal Immunization Funding Act establishes a sustainable funding model to ensure reliable access to recommended vaccines for Coloradans. The Act will establish an assessed entity-funded assessment model, requiring no state general funds, while securing cost savings through bulk vaccine purchasing and distribution.

Key Benefits:

- **Stability & Savings:** Bulk purchasing generates >20% savings annually for assessed entities, estimated at \$60M annually statewide.
- **Equity & Access:** Expands vaccine access by lowering cost barriers for providers and patients, especially in rural and underserved communities, while maintaining individual choice by not imposing mandates.
- **State Oversight:** Operates via a nonprofit Colorado Immunization Funding Association with oversight from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Department of Insurance.
- **Accountability:** Annual reviews and transparent assessments ensure fairness across all assessed entities.

Colorado Safety Net Immunization Program (SNIP):

The optional Safety Net Immunization Program (SNIP), included at your request, would dedicate a portion of universal purchase cost savings to close a public health gap by funding vaccines for uninsured individuals.

- **Dedicated Fund:** Supported by a 10% “SNIP Allowance” from assessments, plus CDC §317 transfers, CDPHE allocations, grants, and donations.
- **No State Tax Dollars:** Operates exclusively from program savings and private contributions ensuring zero reliance on state general funds.
- **Limited-Benefit Program:** Provides vaccines and administration costs for uninsured Coloradans, with flexibility to:

- Prioritize high-impact vaccines through a limited formulary.
 - Delay claims up to 90 days or temporarily suspend operations to preserve solvency.
- **Safeguards:** SNIP cannot outspend its revenues; ensures sustainability while filling an essential safety net role.

Call to Action:

This Act positions Colorado as a best-practice leader in healthcare funding. By combining assessed entity savings, universal vaccine access, and the innovative SNIP program, Colorado can strengthen public health, reduce costs, and protect residents.