



## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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The Honorable Bernie Buescher, Chairman  
Joint Budget Committee  
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Buescher:

This letter is presented to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) of the Colorado General Assembly in response to footnote 30 of Senate Bill 07-239:

*Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Indigent Care Program, Safety Net Provider Payments -- The Department is requested to submit a report by February 1, 2008, to the Joint Budget Committee, estimating the disbursements to each hospital from the Safety Net Provider Payment line item for FY 2007-08.*

The Governor vetoed footnote 30 stating:

*I am vetoing this footnote for two reasons. First, this footnote violates the separation of powers in Article III of the Colorado Constitution by attempting to administer the appropriation. Second, this footnote violates Article V, Section 32 of the Colorado Constitution because it constitutes substantive legislation that cannot be included in the general appropriations bill. Notwithstanding this veto, I will direct the department to comply with this footnote to the extent feasible.*

The Safety Net Provider Payment line item funds payments to public-owned and private-owned hospitals that participate in the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP). The Safety Net Provider Payments for FY 2007-08 are estimated to be \$153,010,946 and are reported in the attached Table 1. High-Volume payments are supplemental Medicaid payments and Low-Income payments are disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments made to participating CICP hospitals. More information regarding the CICP and the reimbursement methodology can be found in the Medically Indigent and Colorado Indigent Care Program Fiscal Year 2006-07 Annual Report.

The payment amounts reported in Table 1 are currently in effect and were issued to providers through reimbursement letters dated August 14, 2007. Through the rate setting process, the

Department makes final adjustments to the CICP provider rates in the final quarter of each fiscal year. The Department will have updated reimbursement information in May 2008, which can be provided upon request.

Questions regarding disbursements to participating Colorado Indigent Care Program Hospitals can be addressed to Greg Tanner, Manager, Safety Net Programs Section. His telephone number is (303) 866-5177.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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**Table 1**  
**FY 2007-08 Estimated CICIP Provider Payments**

CICIP Provider	High-Volume Payment	Low-Income Payment	Total Payment
Denver Health Medical Center	\$7,988,991	\$51,878,705	\$59,867,696
University Hospital	\$19,485,362	\$16,320,353	\$35,805,715
Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center	\$221,806	\$140,304	\$362,110
Aspen Valley Hospital	\$272,827	\$137,641	\$410,468
Delta County Memorial Hospital	\$119,493	\$303,661	\$423,154
East Morgan County Hospital	\$18,634	\$86,231	\$104,865
Estes Park Medical Center	\$1,188,809	\$281,193	\$1,470,002
Gunnison Valley Hospital	\$106,466	\$7,841	\$114,307
Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center	\$115,848	\$252,983	\$368,831
Kremmling Memorial Hospital District	\$69,644	\$1,644	\$71,288
Melissa Memorial Hospital	\$46,729	\$33,987	\$80,716
Memorial Hospital	\$7,669,140	\$6,546,644	\$14,215,784
Montrose Memorial Hospital	\$701,768	\$152,225	\$853,993
North Colorado Medical Center	\$4,967,234	\$3,129,380	\$8,096,614
Poudre Valley Hospital	\$2,455,674	\$2,259,972	\$4,715,646
Prowers Medical Center	\$112,109	\$396,517	\$508,626
Sedgwick County Health Center	\$9,633	\$9,897	\$19,530
Southeast Colorado Hospital and LTC	\$33,353	\$16,755	\$50,108
Southwest Memorial Hospital	\$424,070	\$114,583	\$538,653
Spanish Peaks Regional Medical Center (Huerfano)	\$95,895	\$86,204	\$182,099
St. Vincent General Hospital District	\$45,773	\$27,183	\$72,956
The Memorial Hospital	\$45,572	\$34,668	\$80,240
Wray Community District Hospital	\$152,999	\$12,825	\$165,824
Yuma District Hospital	\$29,671	\$117,296	\$146,967
<b>Public Hospitals Total</b>	<b>\$46,377,500</b>	<b>\$82,348,692</b>	<b>\$128,726,192</b>
Boulder Community Hospital	\$945,132	\$9,782	\$954,914
Colorado Plains Medical Center	\$166,246	\$1,720	\$167,966
Community Hospital	\$12,052	\$126	\$12,178
Conejos County Hospital District	\$94,616	\$978	\$95,594
Longmont United Hospital	\$1,294,926	\$13,400	\$1,308,326
Medical Center of the Rockies	\$1,557,394	\$16,116	\$1,573,510
McKee Medical Center	\$1,431,114	\$14,808	\$1,445,922
Mercy Medical Center	\$775,146	\$8,022	\$783,168
Mount San Rafael Hospital	\$35,716	\$370	\$36,086
National Jewish Medical and Research Center	\$1,105,320	\$11,438	\$1,116,758
Parkview Medical Center	\$4,096,502	\$42,390	\$4,138,892
Penrose - St. Francis Health Services	\$1,939,846	\$20,074	\$1,959,920
Platte Valley Medical Center	\$1,609,730	\$16,658	\$1,626,388
Rio Grande Hospital	\$146,264	\$1,514	\$147,778
San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center	\$742,948	\$7,688	\$750,636
St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center	\$3,639,014	\$37,656	\$3,676,670
St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.	\$936,450	\$9,690	\$946,140
St. Thomas More Hospital	\$735,330	\$7,608	\$742,938
Sterling Regional MedCenter	\$369,434	\$3,824	\$373,258
The Children's Hospital	\$1,804,680	\$18,674	\$1,823,354
Valley View Hospital	\$439,670	\$4,550	\$444,220
Yampa Valley Medical Center	\$158,498	\$1,640	\$160,138
<b>Private Hospitals Total</b>	<b>\$24,036,028</b>	<b>\$248,726</b>	<b>\$24,284,754</b>
<b>All CICIP Providers</b>	<b>\$70,413,528</b>	<b>\$82,597,418</b>	<b>\$153,010,946</b>