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58 organizations across the state selected to become part of Connect for Health Assistance Network

DENVER, CO: Connect for Health Colorado announced today that 58 groups across the state have been selected to provide in-person assistance to customers of the new health insurance marketplace starting in October. The organizations will become part of the Connect for Health Assistance Network and will serve local communities, helping individuals, families and small employers consider health plan options, apply for insurance affordability programs, and sign up for health coverage. Fifty-six of the organizations have been offered grants to support activities and two have not requested grant support. Final details will be available in coming weeks.

“This is a significant step towards opening the new health insurance marketplace in Colorado,” said Patty Fontneau, ED/CEO of Connect for Health Colorado. “We are excited to start work with our new partners to educate Coloradans about our marketplace, our customer support services and how we can connect Coloradans to quality health insurance options. The Assistance Network will be an important resource for Colorado consumers, especially for those who have never bought health insurance before and will have many questions about their options and new financial assistance programs.”

Connect for Health Colorado received applications from every region of the state and from a variety of organizations, including consumer advocacy groups, county agencies, medical providers, health education groups, and trade associations.

After a thorough evaluation process, Connect for Health Colorado notified organizations of the intent to award grant dollars, totaling \$17 million, for 18-months, including the first two open-enrollment periods for health coverage. Selected organizations demonstrated the understanding and ability to reach target populations as a trusted local resource, to provide application assistance, and the ability to conduct education and outreach. The organizations will have broad geographic reach and available resources to serve specific populations.

The grantee organizations include 19 community/non-profit and faith-based organizations, 18 hospitals and clinics, 13 public health or public services, and two trade

organizations. Six regional hubs have been identified and all areas of the state are represented. At least 23 organizations will serve both individuals and small businesses, and two will serve the small business market only.

Connect for Health Colorado staff reviewed and analyzed each application, including proposed budgets and supporting documentation submitted by each organization, and applications were further evaluated by a separate review committee.

The Connect for Health Assistance Network is a new program that will provide local, in-person assistance to individuals, families and small businesses looking to shop for health care coverage through Colorado's new health insurance marketplace and to apply for a new kind of tax credit to reduce costs and for other insurance affordability programs.

BACKGROUND:

Starting in October, Connect for Health Colorado will offer individuals, families and small employers a new online marketplace for health insurance and exclusive access to new up-front financial assistance, based on income, to reduce costs. Customers will shop through a website and get expert help in person and over the phone from a network of customer service professionals, including Customer Service Center Representatives, Health Coverage Guides and certified health insurance agents and brokers. The marketplace is a public, non-profit entity that was established by a 2011 state law. More information is available at www.ConnectforHealthCO.com.



Connect for Health Assistance Network Assistance Sites and Hubs

ORGANIZATION NAME	HUB/SITE/SHOP	REGIONS	AWARD*
Adams County Human Services	Assistance Site	Adams County	\$400,000.00
Advanced Patient Advocacy	Assistance Site	Denver Metro Area	\$300,000.00
Aids Drug Assistance Program (Colorado Health Network)	Assistance Site	Statewide	\$0.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center: Partners include Asian Pacific Development Center, Colorado African Organization, Metro Community Provider Network, Aurora NAACP	Assistance Site	Denver Metro	\$500,000.00
Baca County Public Health Agency	Assistance Site/SHOP	Baca County	\$29,798.00
Boomers Leading Change in Healthcare	Assistance Site	Denver Metro	\$350,000.00
Boulder County Housing and Human Services	Hub/Assistance Site	Hub: Boulder, Jefferson, Adams, Broomfield, Denver, Arapahoe, Douglas, El Paso Site: Boulder County	\$750,000.00
Broomfield Health and Human Services	Assistance Site	Broomfield	\$100,000.00
Center for African American Health	Assistance Site	Denver Metro	\$200,000.00
Central Presbyterian Church	Assistance Site	Denver Metro	\$100,000.00
Centura	Assistance Site	Denver, El Paso, Pueblo	\$400,000.00
Chaffee County Public Health: Partner Lake County	Assistance Site/SHOP	Chaffe County, Lake County	\$250,000.00
Clear Creek County: Partner Gilpin County	Assistance Site	Clear Creek County, Gilpin County	\$92,259.24
Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice	Assistance Site/SHOP	Denver Metro	\$200,000.00
Colorado Health Care Association	Assistance Site	Statewide: <i>specific audience health care workers</i>	\$225,000.00
Colorado Motor Carriers Association	Assistance Site/SHOP	Statewide: <i>specific audience trucking industry</i>	\$235,000.00
Colorado Small Business Development Center	Assistance Site/SHOP	Statewide: <i>specific audience small business</i>	\$300,000.00
Commerce City Community Health Services	Assistance Site	Commerce City, Westminster	\$100,000.00
Community Partnership Family Resource Center	Assistance Site/SHOP	Teller County	\$100,175.00



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Denver Health and Hospital Authority	Assistance Site	Denver County	\$500,000.00
Denver Human Services	Assistance Site	Denver County	\$500,000.00
Denver Indian Health and Family Services	Assistance Site	Denver Metro: <i>specific audience AI/AN</i>	\$100,000.00
Doctor's Care	Assistance Site	Arapahoe County, Douglas County, Elbert County	\$150,000.00
Eagle County Health & Human Services: Partners include Garfield County, Pitkin County, Mountain Family Health Centers	Assistance Site/SHOP	Eagle County, Pitkin County, Garfield County	\$750,000.00
Family Resource Center Association	Assistance Site/SHOP	Arapahoe, Adams, Denver, Jefferson, Summit, Pueblo, La Plata, San Juan, Morgan, Montezuma, Dolores, Washington, Yuma	\$816,108.56
Family Voices Colorado	Assistance Site	Statewide: <i>specific audience families with disabled children</i>	\$150,000.00
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center of Colorado	Assistance Site	Denver Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, Pueblo; <i>specific audience: GLBT community</i>	\$220,000.00
Health District of Northern Larimer County	Assistance Site/SHOP	Larimer County	\$650,000.00
Healthy Communities, El Paso County at Memorial Hospital	Assistance Site	El Paso County	\$0.00
High Plains Community Health Center	Assistance Site/SHOP	Prowers County, Bent County	\$172,630.00
Hilltop Community Resources	Hub/Assistance Site/SHOP	<i>Hub:</i> Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Ouray, San Miguel, Dolores, San Juan, Hinsdale, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta; <i>Site:</i> Western Slope	\$750,000.00
Jefferson County Human Services	Assistance Site	Denver Metro, Jefferson County	\$600,000.00
Kiowa County Dept of Social Services	Assistance Site	Kiowa County	\$38,164.00
Kit Carson County Health and Human Services	Assistance Site/SHOP	Kit Carson County, Cheyenne County, Lincoln County	\$200,000.00

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain	Assistance Site	Denver Metro, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, Greeley, Fort Morgan; <i>Specific audience: refugees and caregivers of older adults</i>	\$200,000.00
Mountain Resource Center	Hub/Assistance Site/SHOP	<i>Hub:</i> Clear Creek, Gilpin, Park, Lake, Chaffee, Teller; <i>Site:</i> W Jefferson County, Park County, Clear Creek County	\$250,106.00
Mt. San Rafael Hospital	Assistance Site/SHOP	Las Animas County, Huerfano County	\$225,000.00
North Colorado Health Alliance	Hub/Assistance Site/SHOP	<i>Hub:</i> Larimer, Weld, Morgan, Logan, Washington, Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Elbert, Lincoln, Cheyenne, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, Bent, Prowers, Baca; <i>Site:</i> Weld County	\$685,700.00
Northeast Colorado Health Department	Assistance Site	Logan County, Phillips County, Washington County, Morgan County, Sedgwick County, Yuma County	\$58,740.00
Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership	Assistance Site/SHOP	Routt County, Moffat County, Rio Blanco County,	\$400,000.00
NW Colorado Council of Governments	Hub	<i>Hub:</i> Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit Counties	\$150,000.00
Otero County Department of Human Services	Assistance Site	Otero County	\$150,000.00
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	Assistance Site	El Paso County	\$500,000.00
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments	Assistance Site	El Paso County, Park, Teller, Hinsdale	\$500,000.00
Pueblo Senior Resource Development Agency	Assistance Site	Pueblo County	\$79,297.00
Rio Grande Hospital	Assistance Site/SHOP	Rio Grande County	\$88,723.00



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Salud Family Health Centers	Assistance Site	North Metro, Larimer County, Weld County	\$200,000.00
San Juan Basin Health	Assistance Site	Archuleta and La Plata Counties	\$167,815.00
San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center	Hub/Assistance Site/SHOP	<i>Hub:</i> Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Conejos, Alamosa, Costilla, Huerfano, Fremont, Custer, Pueblo, Las Animas; <i>Site:</i> Alamosa County, Conejos County	\$325,000.00
Servicios de La Raza	Assistance Site/SHOP	Denver Metro: <i>specific audience Latino community</i>	\$600,000.00
Small Business Majority Foundation	Assistance Site/SHOP	Front Range	\$300,000.00
Southwest Health Systems	Assistance Site	Montezuma County	\$112,405.00
Stapleton Foundation	Assistance Site/SHOP	NE Denver and Aurora	\$125,000.00
Tri-County Health Network	Assistance Site/SHOP	San Miguel County, Ouray County, Montrose County	\$250,000.00
Tri-Lakes Cares	Assistance Site	Northern El Paso County	\$25,130.00
Valley-Wide Health Systems	Assistance Site/SHOP	San Luis Valley, Arkansas Valley, Fremont County	\$250,000.00
Volunteers of America	Assistance Site/SHOP	Montrose County	\$200,000.00
Women's Resource Center	Assistance Site	Larimer County	\$125,000.00

***Numbers represent award amounts and are subject to minor changes pending submission of final budget revisions.**