

**RESOLUTION NO. 07- 241**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COLORADO HEALTH  
SERVICES PROGRAM – SINGLE PAYER AND THE NATIONAL  
HEALTH INSURANCE ACT (HR 676)**

**WHEREAS**, everyone deserves access to affordable quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Americans without health insurance now exceeds 47 million;  
and

**WHEREAS**, millions with insurance have coverage so skimpy that a major illness would lead to financial ruin, and medical illness and bills contribute to one-half of all bankruptcies; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals for “consumer directed health care” would worsen this situation by penalizing the sick, discouraging prevention and saddling many working families with huge medical bills; and

**WHEREAS**, managed care and other market-based reforms have failed to contain health care costs, which now threaten the international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS**, administrative waste stemming from our reliance on private insurers consumes one-third of health spending; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. hospitals spend 24.3% of their budgets on billing and administration while hospitals under Canada’s single payer system spend only 12.9%; and

**WHEREAS**, American physicians are inundated with bureaucratic tasks and costs that Canadian physicians avoid; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvard researchers estimate that more than \$300 billion could be recovered nationally by replacing private insurance companies with a single public payer, enough to cover the uninsured and to improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, “consumer directed health care” adds yet another expensive layer of bureaucrats –the financial firms that manage health savings accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, entrusting care to profit-oriented firms diverts billions of dollars to outrageous incomes for CEOs and threatens the quality of care; and

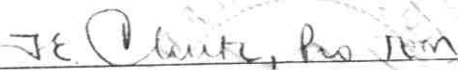
**RESOLUTION NO. 07- 241 (CONTINUED)**

**WHEREAS**, a single payer system would assure universal coverage of all medically necessary services, contain costs by slashing bureaucracy, protect the doctor patient relationship, assure patients a completely free choice of doctors, and allow physicians a free choice of practice settings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Pueblo County, Colorado, expresses its support for the Colorado Health Services Program – Single Payer and the U.S. National Health Insurance Act (HR 676), and calls upon federal and state legislators to work toward their enactment within the current Congress.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

By:   
Anthony Nuñez, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

By:   
Gilbert Ortiz, County Clerk