

# COMMON SENSE

*Policy Roundtable*

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## COLORADO MEDICAID

### *Did you know?*

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- ▶ Medicaid spending consumes more than 20% of Colorado's annual General Fund budget, and enrollment is now over 651,000.
- ▶ Colorado's Medicaid enrollment is projected to grow 44% by 2014 if state lawmakers opt-in and accept the expansion proposed as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- ▶ From FY2011-12 to FY2024-25, Medicaid expenses are expected to grow by \$2.5 billion dollars and will consume over 27% of the Colorado General Fund.
- ▶ Nationally, states will increase Medicaid spending by \$15.9 billion in 2012 and at the same time they will reduce spending on K-12 education by \$2.5 billion.

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### Solutions for Colorado: Medicaid

- **The Supreme Court decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allows states to forgo the expansion of Medicaid beyond current levels.**
- **Policymakers should resist the temptation of new federal money and opt-out of the expansion proposed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**
- **Reform the existing program to create a Colorado solution that includes payment reform – no more fee for service – no more unnecessary and costly procedures and long-term care reform.**
- **State lawmakers should insist on greater flexibility from the federal government, no more unaffordable mandates.**