

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 17 to article XVIII as follows:

**Section 17. Right to Private Health Insurance.**

**(1) Definitions.** WITHIN THIS SECTION:

- (a) “SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE” MEANS UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO HOLD.
- (b) “UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE” MEANS A PUBLIC SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES THE SAME PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

**(2) Single-payer insurance prohibited.**

- (a) THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL NOT BAN ACCESS TO PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE, NOR SHALL THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN A SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE SYSTEM.
- (b) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM ADMINISTERING HEALTHCARE PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS THROUGH MEDICAID OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROGRAM.