

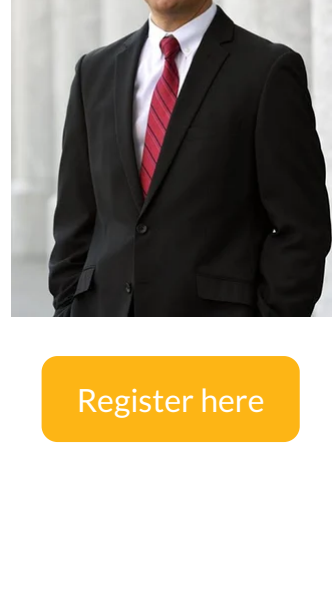
Sept. 16, 2026

CMS town hall: Sunday, Oct. 11

with Attorney General Phil Weiser, candidate for governor of Colorado

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026
6:30-7:15 p.m. MT
[Registration is required](#)

Join the Colorado Medical Society for an exclusive members-only virtual town hall with Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, who is seeking the office of Governor.



[Register here](#)

This event will provide an opportunity to hear directly from AG Weiser about his vision for health care and discuss the issues shaping the practice of medicine in Colorado. The discussion will be guided by questions from CMS members and will focus on the broad challenges and opportunities facing physicians, patients, and the state's health care system. Your voice matters. Submit questions in advance when you register.

There is still time: In-person CME

Help lift up your fellow physicians; join Denver Medical Society for CME and dinner for physician suicide awareness and legislative change

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026
DMS Office, Lowry

Doors open 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Presentation at 6 p.m.

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We will share strategies for physicians, students, residents, and fellows to learn and look out for each other. Sept. 17 is National Physician Suicide Awareness Day, and we want to raise awareness in the medical community to learn the signs, remove barriers, and promote culture change to turn the tide for physician mental health.

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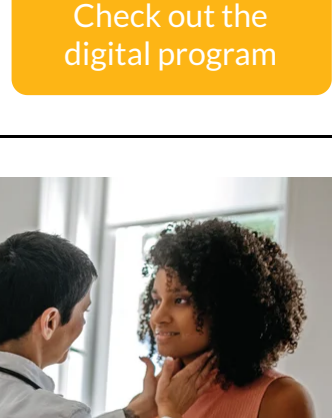
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We will see you in Vail this weekend!

CMS Annual Meeting, Sept. 18-20 at the Lodge at Vail

We're looking forward to seeing members from around the state at the [2026 CMS Annual Meeting](#). If you have any questions about the meeting, call 720-859-1001 or email membership@cms.org.



If you can't make it this year, watch for photos in the next ASAP and join us at a future event!

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Medicaid medical frailty exemptions

Federal CMS issues new guidance; work requirements in effect Jan. 1

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal CMS) has released new guidance allowing states to use diagnosis codes and an optional three-tier framework to determine who qualifies for the medical frailty exemption from new Medicaid work requirements.

For Colorado physicians, the impact depends on how the state implements these rules. Colorado has already identified several categories of individuals who may be exempt, including patients with serious health conditions, disabling mental health disorders, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, and blindness when those conditions prevent them from meeting the 80-hour monthly work, school, or volunteer requirement. If Colorado makes broad use of diagnosis codes and existing claims data, fewer patients may need physician certifications or additional medical documentation. However, patients who are not automatically identified as medically frail could require provider records, certifications, or other clinical documentation to maintain coverage.

The Colorado Medical Society will monitor state-specific guidance as implementation details are finalized to help minimize administrative burden on practices while ensuring eligible patients do not lose coverage due to administrative barriers.

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Strengthening indigenous health care

Expand your understanding of American Indian and Alaska Native health through SPARK

Physicians are invited to join the Short Program for American Indian and Alaska Native Knowledge (SPARK), a free, live, interactive learning experience designed to deepen understanding of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) health, public health, research methodologies, and ethical collaboration.

SPARK is a cohort-based program that emphasizes discussion, peer learning, and meaningful engagement through small-group conversations in a supportive and confidential environment. The Fall 2026 cohort will meet Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. MT on Zoom on Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions to fully benefit from the experience. Additional cohorts will be offered in early December 2026 and March 2027. The program is free, open to all, and requires no prior experience.

[Learn more](#)

Serious illness conversations

On-demand learning now available through the CMS online CME library

The on-demand recording of Serious Illness Conversations - Tools, Frameworks and Case Studies is now available. Led by hospice and palliative medicine specialist Kristin Keefe, MD, this practical session explores the differences between palliative care and hospice, when to consider a palliative care referral, and effective frameworks for navigating serious illness conversations. Designed for physicians and the entire health care team, the webinar offers actionable communication tools to help support compassionate, patient-centered care in any practice setting.

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Mortgage 101 for doctors

A smarter guide to home buying from CMS Partner Panacea Financial

Most mortgage advice is built for borrowers with straightforward finances, but physicians often face unique challenges like student loan debt, unconventional income timelines, and specialized lending options.

Panacea Financial's updated [Mortgage 101 for Doctors](#) guide explains how mortgage rates work, compares loan types (including physician mortgage programs), breaks down debt-to-income ratios, down-payment strategies, prequalification, and the key questions every borrower should ask a lender. Written for medical students, residents, fellows, and practicing physicians alike, this free resource was co-authored by Michael Jerkins, MD, Co-Founder of Panacea Financial, and mortgage lending veteran Daryl McCarthy, offering trusted guidance at every stage of the homebuying journey.

[Access the free guide](#)

Free financial education for residents

Navigating Finances in Residency from CMS Partner Panacea Financial is an on-demand, interactive education program designed to help you navigate the financial challenges of training with confidence. Explore topics like student loan repayment, credit score building, housing decisions, budgeting, and more.

[Check it out today](#)

Disclosure: This program is for educational purposes only. It is not legal, tax, or financial advice. Consult a qualified professional before making financial decisions.

9TH ANNUAL CHRONIC PAIN CONFERENCE

Join us for the Colorado Pain Society 9th Annual Chronic Pain Conference, Oct. 16-18, 2026, at The Hythe in Vail, held in conjunction with Medical Education Resources. Target audience: physicians, advanced practice providers (APPs), psychologists and others interested in pain medicine.

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Upcoming CMS meetings and events

All Colorado Medical Society committee meetings and events are open to all CMS members and you are invited to attend! Meetings are held via Zoom unless otherwise noted. Find a full list of events here: [cms.org/events](#). Questions? Contact membership@cms.org.

- Next CMS Board of Directors meeting - Hybrid at the Lodge at Vail Friday, Sept. 18, 1-4 p.m. [Register for the Annual Meeting to attend in person; register here for Zoom](#)
- Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury Committee (WCPIC) - Virtual Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:30-8:30 a.m.; *repeats first Wednesday of each month*; contact chet_seward@cms.org to register
- CMS all-member town hall webinar with Attorney General Weiser - Virtual Sunday, Oct. 11, 6:30-7:15 p.m. [Register](#)
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee - Virtual Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-7:30 p.m.; contact kate_alfano@cms.org to register

Registration is required for most meetings; non-members or those unable to be identified at the time of virtual meetings may be removed. Unsure if you are a CMS member? Contact membership@cms.org.

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