

# Renew the Colorado Professional Review Act

Health care professionals use 'professional review' to improve patient safety. The Act is up for renewal in 2019.

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## What is the "professional review" Act?

Colorado health care professionals have relied on the Colorado Professional Review Act, known as "peer review," to improve the quality of health care. It encourages candid evaluations of health care professionals, assessing their competence, quality and appropriateness of patient care in a confidential and constructive way. While the primary purpose of the Act is to improve quality and ensure better outcomes for patients, it is also an important part of creating an open and honest environment for health care providers to work.



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## Why should you care?

The Colorado Professional Review Act is up for renewal in the 2019 legislative session. Maintaining this supportive environment for professional, constructive review promotes a culture of safety and helps ensure Colorado can continue to attract and retain quality health care professionals, a key strategy in preserving access to care and keeping costs in check.

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## Why you should support it?

A thorough nine-month study by the independent Department of Regulatory Agencies found that the Act is positively contributing to patient safety and professional development for the health care community and is still necessary. They overwhelmingly endorsed the full reauthorization of the Act.



**43** Years:  
How long professional review has been used in Colorado



**236:**

Number of professional review boards in Colorado that support renewing peer review.



**48** ■ Number of states with professional review laws



## What medical professionals are saying about it?

"We spend our lives learning how to take care of patients, providing care to our community, working to make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families.

We do this work because we care about people and the quality of their lives. We value the trust placed in us and feel a great sense of responsibility to continually improve the care delivery system to ensure each person has the best possible outcome.

The Colorado Professional Review Act helps us to learn from each other in a trusting, safe environment, where we know our peers have the same mission to provide great care and always strive to be better." – **Montrose Memorial Hospital medical team**