

Health Care Claims for Firearm Injuries Increase in Colorado

The Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) is a non-profit organization that oversees the collection of health care claims from Colorado's public and private health care insurers and administers Colorado's All Payer Claims Database (CO APCD). CIVHC's recent analysis of the claims database from 2016 to 2022 identified 7,294 claims for firearm injuries in 2022, the greatest number during that period. Claims payments for firearm injuries totaled \$8.4 million in 2022. Males, adults aged 18 and over, and rural counties had the highest claims rates, but the increases over the 7-year period were greatest for females, children under age 18, and urban counties. Medicaid recipients had higher rates of claims for firearm injuries than people with other types of insurance. (Note: The number of claims doesn't equal the number of individuals with a firearm injury. It includes people who survived their injury and those who did not survive. It doesn't include people whose injuries didn't result in a claim being paid.)

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