



# Creating a Healthier Colorado

Our Bold Investment in a Voice Our Health Deserves

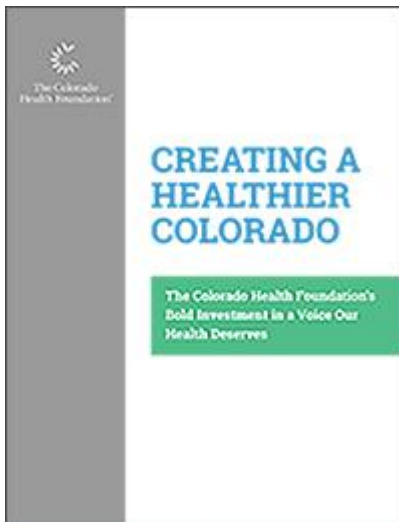
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In 2011, the Foundation began a transition from public charity to private foundation tax status. During this transition period the leadership team concentrated on a unique opportunity: to create and endow a separate and independent 501(c)(4) organization that would focus on health policy advocacy, lobbying and grassroots political activism in the state.

This white paper, *Creating a Healthier Colorado*, explains the Foundation's decision to create and endow Healthier Colorado, a 501(c)(4) organization. It outlines the Foundation's transition to private foundation tax status and evolution of policy engagement, the process behind the formation of 501(c)(4) organization and the advocacy work of Healthier Colorado to date. It demonstrates how the Foundation leveraged resources to influence policy and amplify the voice of Coloradans on important issues affecting their health.

For more information, read [our blog](#) and the [companion report from Healthier Colorado](#).