

In support of doctor privacy

Re: *“Doctors in crisis deserve privacy,”* Sept. 2 guest column

Colorado physicians who prioritize their own health provide better quality care. Our doctors need a support system that provides them confidential help and prevention care for certain health conditions.

The state of Colorado has held a long-standing precedent that physicians who voluntarily seek help through the state peer health assistance program, funded through their licensing fees, will receive confidential treatment as long as they remain compliant with their treatment plan. The state may change this precedent and require all providers voluntarily seeking treatment to become known to the state. Research shows this will result in physicians not seeking help for fear of retribution or issues with their medical licenses.

Please support the united coalition of doctors, health care providers, and medical organizations by asking the governor and state leadership not to change this precedent and instead ensure an accessible, confidential and accountable peer assistance program for all doctors.

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