



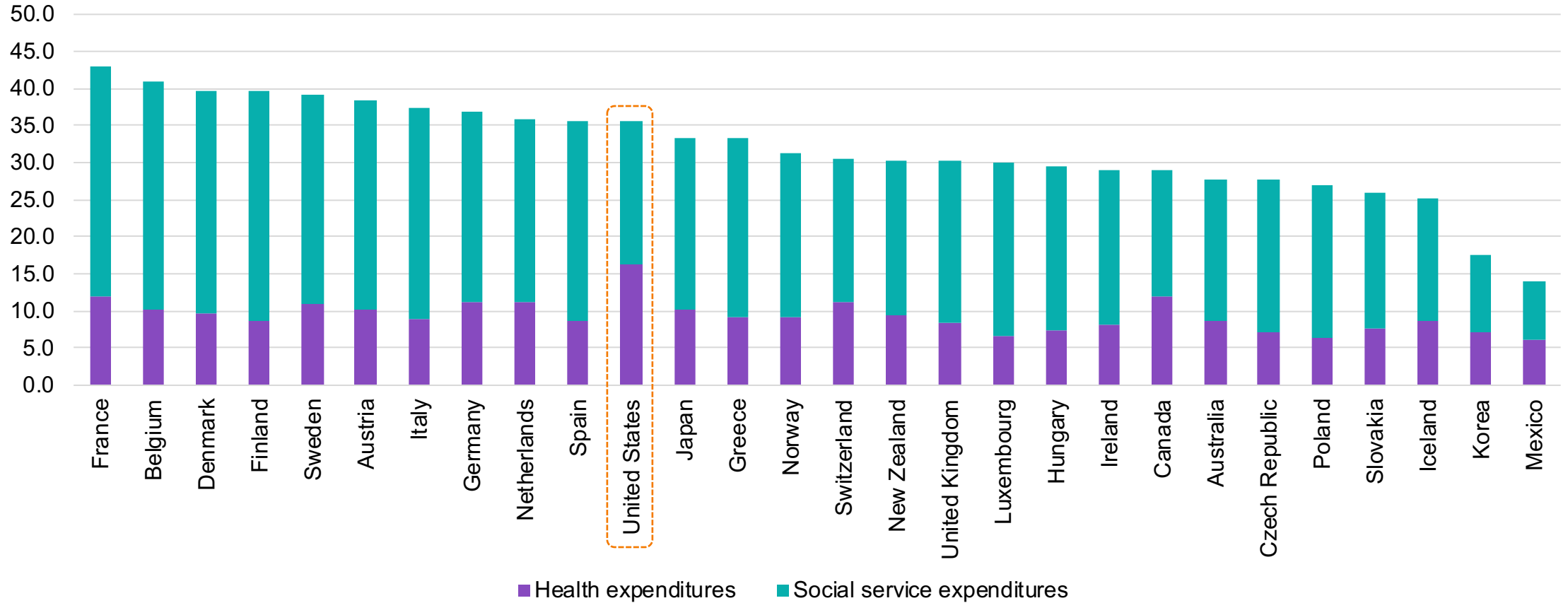
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Wellness Fund

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Background: the U.S. is an outlier

Expenditure as a percent of gross domestic product



Background: Health-related social needs



Denver Regional Accountable Health Community

- began in May 2017
- \$4.51 million in funding over five years from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

Purpose:

- identify and address the **health-related social needs** of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to **improve quality of care** and **reduce health care costs**



IDENTIFYING THE CHALLENGES



Challenge: New health care initiatives



The establishment of several new health care initiatives will **dramatically increase the number of referrals** to community organizations, which are already at capacity.

- the Colorado Hospital Transformation Program.
- the Social Health Information Exchange.
- Kaiser Permanente and other insurance companies.

Problem: Community organizations are at capacity.



- **Waiting lists:** Most community organizations are at service capacity.
- **limited funding** for community-based services (statewide, annual)
 - **\$46 million** spending on area agency on aging services
 - **\$7.9 billion** spending for Medicaid
- **And then COVID...**

Potential Solution: Wellness Fund



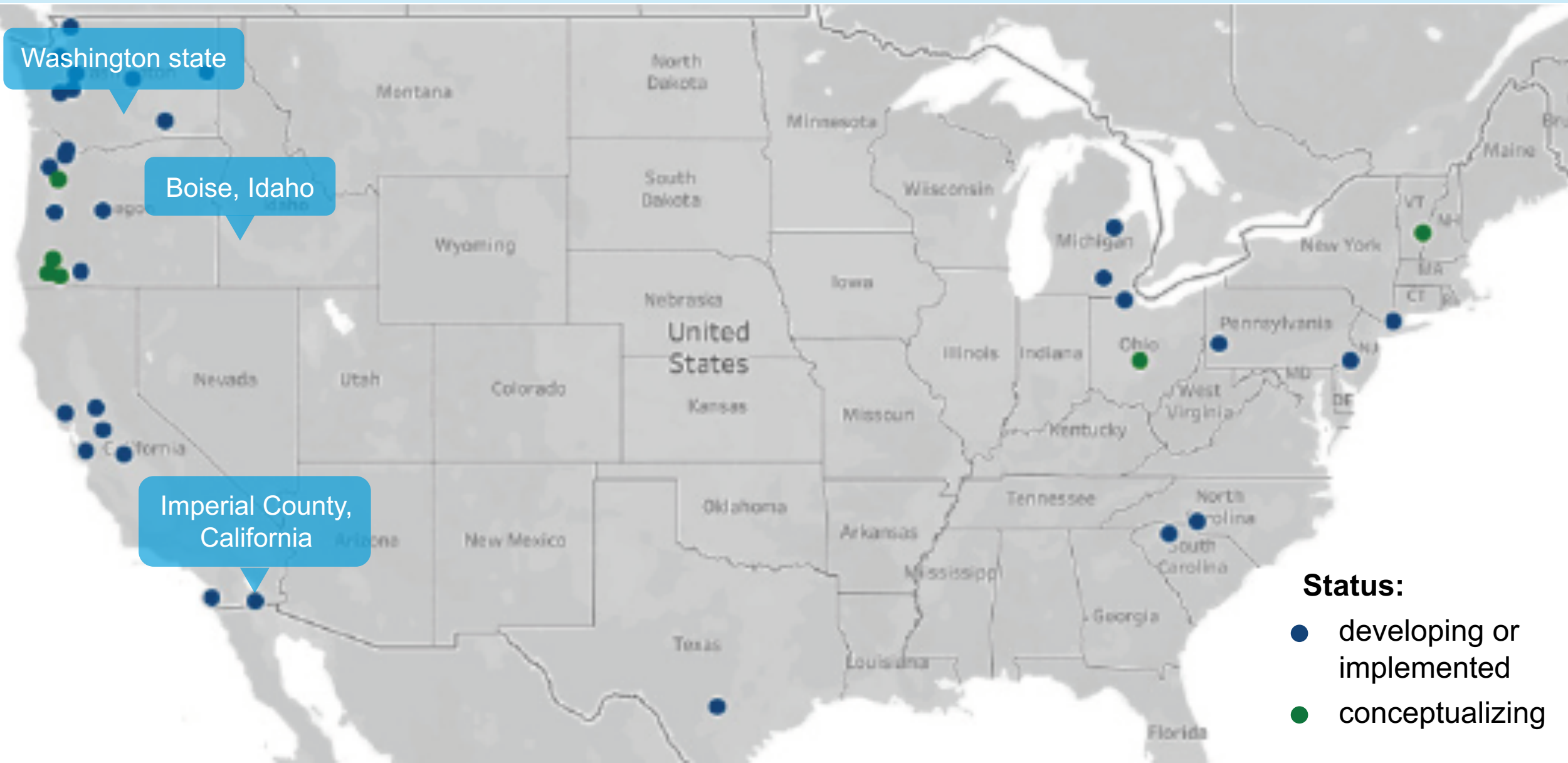
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- An evolution of the Accountable Health Communities designed to enable community organizations to supply services at the capacity needed

Responsibilities:

1. convene stakeholders
2. identify community services that have a positive effect on health care costs
3. invest in the capacity of community services
4. pay for the delivery of community services on behalf of investors

Similar initiatives (Source: Funders Forum on Accountable Health)



Washington state

Boise, Idaho

Imperial County, California

Status:
● developing or implemented
● conceptualizing

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Funding

DRCOG would like to see investments by the state, insurance companies and health care providers to support meeting the demand for these vital community services.



THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?

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