FIREARM INJURY TRENDS AND TOTAL COSTS
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE, CO APCD, 2012-2016

2012-2016 results for this analysis based on ICD9/10 codes X93xx, X94xx, X95xx, E96xx, X72xx, X73xx, X74xx, E95xx, W32xx, W33xx, W34xx, Y22xx, Y23xx, Y24xx, E97xx, E98xx, and E92xx contained in the Colorado All Payer Claims Database (CO APCD). Exclusions include diagnosis codes with the words “air,” “paint,” “nail,” and “virus.” The transition from ICD 9 to ICD 10 billing took effect in October 2015 and may contribute to the increase in volume related to firearms in 2015 and 2016. Data was not adjusted to account for the number of people in the CO APCD which has increased since 2012. Additionally, total claims volume includes any instance where billing included a firearm code, regardless of the person receiving it; therefore numbers may represent multiple instances where one person received ongoing care for an injury.