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Denver Outreach Partners

August 11, 2016, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver)
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July 21, 2016, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
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Health Policy

Most Residents of Colorado Community Corrections Facilities Eligible for Medicaid Effective June 1

In response to recent [federal guidance](#), the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) issued a [policy statement](#) which explains that, effective June 1, 2016, Medicaid-covered services are available to residents of Community Corrections facilities (often referred to as half-way houses) who meet other Medicaid eligibility criteria, including individuals

who reside at the facility involuntarily. Prior to this policy statement, individuals residing in Community Corrections facilities were not eligible for Medicaid because they were considered incarcerated. The policy statement applies to all Community Corrections facilities except for Gateways: Through the Rockies in Colorado Springs.

The policy statement encourages current residents of Community Corrections facilities to apply for Medicaid, and for new residents of a Community Corrections facility to apply when residency begins. Residents should not indicate that they are incarcerated on the application. Individuals are encouraged to apply online through PEAK and Community Corrections facilities are encouraged to work with application assistance sites and other eligibility partners to help their residents enroll. For more information, read [HCPF's policy statement](#).

Changes Coming to CBMS and PEAK in June

Several updates to the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) and PEAK are scheduled to be implemented on June 26, 2016, to improve the overall eligibility partner and consumer experience. For more information, see the [CBMS/PEAK June 2016 Enhancements for Community Partners](#). In addition, there will be June enhancements training for counties and Medical Assistance sites on **June 22** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. ([register here](#)) and **June 27** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. ([register here](#)) and a community partner support call on **June 30** from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. (1-877-820-7831, access code: 349141#).

Information and Training on Annualized Income for Medicaid/CHP+ Eligibility

HCPF will implement a policy change effective July 1, that will consider annualized income for some types of variable income, (specifically income that is from self-employment, seasonal employment, or commission-based employment) when the household income is above the income threshold for Medicaid or CHP+. In these situations, the eligibility system will look at the actual annual amount of income the applicant reports. If the household's annual income is actually under the Medicaid or CHP+ eligibility threshold, the family may be eligible for Medicaid or CHP+. Changes to PEAK will include two new questions asking if the type of gross pay is from seasonal income or from commission-based income. No changes will be made to the process for reporting self-employment income. After applying, applicants may be asked to verify that the income is seasonal, commission-based, or self-employment income if the income cannot be verified electronically. Income may be verified through a letter from an employer, tax forms, or the self-employment ledger. More information is available in a webinar for community-based organizations hosted by HCPF and the PEAK Outreach Team, [available here](#). HCPF is developing a frequently asked questions (FAQs) and CKF will share it with the coalition when available.

Proposed 2017 Individual Market Health Insurance Plans

The Colorado Division of Insurance [released](#) information on proposed 2017 health insurance plans and rates. Four insurance companies are discontinuing or limiting plans offered in the individual market and a new company will begin offering plans. Plans sold in the individual market are seeking rate increases in 2017. Connect for Health Colorado prepared [talking points](#) on the pending requests. Finalized plans are expected to be released in fall 2016.

Access Monitoring Review Plan Public Comment Period Open

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requires that each state complete a report outlining whether Medicaid enrollees have comparable access to medical services as non-Medicaid enrollees. In accordance with [federal rule](#), HCPF developed an [Access Monitoring Review Plan](#) which outlines the processes used to monitor and address access issues. [The](#) 30-day public comment period began on June 9 and will end on July 9. To complete a brief survey

on the content of the plan, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/DX25FH5. If you prefer to submit your feedback in writing, send it to AMRP@state.co.us. For more information, click [here](#).

ACC: Access KP Payment Reform Initiative

ACC: Access KP is a new payment reform initiative within Colorado's Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC). The initiative is a limited benefit, capitated primary care model designed to pilot an alternative to the current fee for service payment mechanism. This initiative is a partnership between HCPF, Colorado Access, and Kaiser Permanente (KP). All ACC Region 3 (Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties) Medicaid members who are currently attributed to KP as their Primary Care Medical Provider (PCMP) as of May 1, 2016, will be passively enrolled into the new ACC: Access KP initiative. The initial enrollment is estimated to be about 26,000 Medicaid members. Members who are located outside ACC Region 3 will not be eligible for ACC: Access KP. ACC: Medicare Medicaid Program members will not be enrolled in ACC: Access KP, but will be able to keep KP as their PCMP. Members who have health coverage in addition to Medicaid (i.e. Medicare, commercial insurance, etc.) will not be enrolled into the program. ACC: Access KP will begin July 1, 2016. To learn more, HCPF is hosting a series of webinars for community and advocacy groups, Medicaid providers and office staff, and federally qualified Community Health Centers (CHCs) and school-based health centers (SBHCs).

The webinar will:

- Provide an overview of the ACC: Access KP program
- Identify who will be enrolled in the ACC: Access KP program
- Review which Medicaid benefits are covered in the ACC: Access KP program, and which benefits are considered wrap around benefits
- Review how to bill for patients enrolled in the ACC: Access KP program
- Provide resources that will support staff and patients

Webinars will be held:

- **June 21** ([register here](#)), **June 23** ([register here](#)), and **June 28** ([register here](#)) from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for Medicaid providers and office staff
- **July 19** ([register here](#)) from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for CHCs and SBHCs

Outreach and Enrollment

Medicaid is Changing its Name to Health First Colorado

Effective June 27, 2016, Medicaid in Colorado is "Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)." Member communication updates are underway and will continue throughout 2016. A statewide advertising campaign announcing this change begins the week of June 20. HCPF's stakeholders, contractors, community organizations, and other interested parties are invited to webinars introducing the new name and its relationship to HCPF's name – which is not changing. Webinars are filling up quickly and will be held:

- **June 23** from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. ([register here](#))
- **June 29** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ([register here](#))
- **July 6** from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ([register here](#))
- **July 13** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ([register here](#))

Resources will be available online to help organizations update print and digital materials as existing supplies run out. For more information, see these [talking points and FAQs](#) or visit the [Health First Colorado web page](#).

New Connect for Health Colorado Advisory Group Accepting Applications

Connect for Health Colorado is currently [accepting applications](#) for a new Board Advisory Group to inform high-level policy decisions. The application deadline is **June 23**. Completed applications should be emailed to board@connectforhealthco.com.

HCPF Recruiting Medicaid and CHP+ Members for Advisory Council

HCPF is seeking Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) members to apply for the Person- and Family-Centeredness Advisory Councils. The Councils were created to help HCPF develop and maintain a culture of person-centeredness by engaging the voices of clients and family members/caretakers who are not normally at the table and to provide additional feedback on HCPF processes, communications, and partnerships.

HCPF's goal is for the Councils to be ethnically, racially, and geographically diverse and representative of the [demographic profile of the Medicaid and CHP+ population](#). They recently updated [recruitment needs](#) and are specifically looking for individuals who are:

- Newly eligible following the Medicaid expansion/single adults without dependent children;
- Male Medicaid and CHP+ members or parents/caretakers;
- Spanish speaking members or parents/caretakers;
- From Western Colorado; and/or
- From Northern Colorado.

For more information on the Councils and position descriptions for both in-person and virtual positions, go to Colorado.gov/HCPF/MFAC.

Submit a Connect for Health Colorado Customer Story

Connect for Health Colorado is always looking for great customer stories. Read [stories](#) from customers and [submit a story](#) or encourage a customer to do so. Stories are also shared and celebrated through Connect for Health Colorado's social media channels on twitter @C4HCO and [Facebook](#).

FAQs for Counties on NEMT

HCPF created a [FAQs document](#) to provide county departments of human/social services with resources on non-emergent medical transportation (NEMT) eligibility, policies, billing, revalidation, providers, Total Transit, and training. For more information, contact [Elizabeth Reekers-Medina](#).

Funding Opportunities

Colorado Health Foundation Special Projects Program

The Colorado Health Foundation launched a new program to help fund projects that are not currently funded by the Foundation, are new or build on existing work and support a promising innovation, or set the ground work for sustainable collaboration and programs. The program will provide funding for project support or capacity building. Funded projects must be aligned with one or more of the Foundation's [primary strategies](#). Special Projects Program grants will not be awarded for proposals that fit within a [funding opportunity](#). Learn more about the [eligibility criteria and application process](#).

Resources

Reference Chart and Key Facts on MEC Published

The Center on Budget Policies and Priorities' Health Reform: Beyond the Basics published two new resources on minimum essential coverage (MEC): a [reference chart](#) on how MEC relates to premium tax credit eligibility and [key facts](#) that describe the individual responsibility requirement to have MEC, types of coverage that qualify as MEC, and the penalty for being uninsured.

LGBTQ Friendly Assister Finder Available

Out2Enroll, a collaborative dedicated to improving enrollment for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community, created a [tool](#) that allows LGBTQ consumers find assisters that are trained specifically on providing effective assistance to LGBTQ communities. To be included in the tool, [sign-up here](#).

Upcoming Calls, Trainings, and Events

A Peer Learning Webinar Series on Connecting Consumers to Coverage and Care

Enroll America and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are hosting a national peer learning webinar series featuring assisters from around the country until **July 27**. Webinars will be held:

- **June 22** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ([register here](#))
- **July 13** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ([register here](#))
- **July 27** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ([register here](#))

Webinar on Optimizing SEPs

Families USA is hosting a webinar on special enrollment periods (SEPs) on **June 23** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. MT. Learn more and register [here](#).

New Health Insurance Literacy Tool and Webinar

Join advocates from across the state in exploring how shared messaging and educational resources can help all Coloradans to better understand and use health insurance, ultimately assisting them in improving their own health and that of their families. The webinar is being hosted on **June 28** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by a collection of organizations interested in joining together to improve health insurance literacy in Colorado. Register [here](#).

DHS Offers Navigator Training

Denver Human Services (DHS) offers a navigator training for community partners. The navigator training includes an overview of the programs DHS offers, including food assistance, basic eligibility for Medicaid and cash programs, energy assistance, child support, childcare assistance program, PEAK, and a brief overview of the Affordable Care Act. For more information and to register, please contact Kathy Crusan-Ford, Agency Trainer for SNAP Into Health, at Kathleen.Crusan-Ford@denvergov.org. The upcoming trainings will be held:

- **July 22** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver
- **Aug. 26** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver

New to PEAK or Need a Refresher? PEAK Training Available on Demand

The Intro to PEAK and PEAK Application Walk-Through webinars on [Medical Assistance Applications](#), [Food and Medical Assistance Applications](#), and [Manage My Account](#) have been

recorded and are now offered as an [On-Demand Application Walk-Through](#). Visit the PEAK Outreach Initiative [training webpage](#) to see training resources and [request PEAK training](#).