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Denver Outreach Partners

August 11, 2016, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver 80203)
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July 21, 2016, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver 80203)
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Health Policy

Updated FAQ on Removal of Five-Year Bar Available

Last July, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) lifted the five-year bar for lawfully present children and pregnant women who would otherwise be eligible for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) programs through Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+). Effective July 1, 2016, the five-year bar was also lifted for lawfully present children and pregnant women eligible for non-MAGI Health First Colorado programs. An [updated frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) document](#) is available on HCPF's website. In addition, individuals applying through the Colorado Program Eligibility and Application Kit ([PEAK](#)) will be able to select from additional, newly added non-citizen class codes and statuses, where applicable.

Annualized Income Methodology Implemented for Certain Eligibility Determinations

As mentioned in the [June CKF Coalition Update](#), effective July 1, 2016, HCPF began using annualized income for certain Health First Colorado and CHP+ eligibility determinations for individuals with income from self-employment, seasonal employment, and/or commission-based employment. To learn more about the changes in PEAK, watch the HCPF and PEAK Outreach Initiative webinar, [Annualized Income for Health First Colorado and CHP+](#).

Outreach and Enrollment

Colorado Medicaid is now Health First Colorado!

Effective June 27, 2016, Colorado's Medicaid program is now called Health First Colorado. The new name reflects the improvements made to modernize Colorado's Medicaid program to better engage members and improve the quality and coordination of care. A recorded webinar, style guide, FAQs, logos, and other resources for stakeholders, providers, and other partners are available [here](#). In addition, HCPF launched a new website for Health First Colorado members at HealthFirstColorado.com.

Change to Connect for Health Colorado's Service Center Hours

Due to low call volume, Connect for Health Colorado's Service Center will be closed on Saturdays outside of the open enrollment period. The Service Center can be accessed by calling 1-855-752-6749 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Resources

CKF O&E Workplan Webinar Recording Available

CKF and Ezra Watland from Enroll America hosted a webinar about developing useful and practical outreach and enrollment (O&E) work plans using SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, time-bound) objectives to plan and track O&E. Listen to the recording [here](#).

New Health Insurance Literacy Online Messaging Tool Now Live

CKF and other key partners in Colorado's health coverage community recently launched a new [online tool](#) designed for health care stakeholders to share clear, complete information about using health insurance to access care, based on monthly themes. These resources, hosted on the [CoveredHQ website](#), will help all Coloradans better understand and use health insurance, ultimately improving their own health and the health of their families. On June 28, 2016, a [webinar](#) explaining how to use the tool was held.

August's Health Insurance Literacy Messaging – Know Your Network

Most health plans sold through Connect for Health Colorado are "in-network only" plans where members are limited to seeing only those doctors in the plan's specified network. Learn more about communicating with [consumers](#) about networks, messaging for [stakeholders](#), and get sample [newsletter](#) and [social media](#) messages.

Health Insurance Brochures for Farmworkers Available

Farmworker Justice and Migrant Clinicians Network developed a brochure explaining health insurance and provider visits in [Spanish](#) and [English](#). The brochures are customizable with editable space for logos and contact information.

Outreach to Rural Communities Presentation Available

View [slides](#) from the 2016 Enroll America: State of Enrollment Conference on reaching clients in rural areas.

Upcoming Calls, Trainings, and Events

Invitation to Discuss the Future of CHP+ in Colorado

While federal financing for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was extended through September 30, 2017, it is unclear whether or not Congress will consider extending federal financing beyond that date. Due to this uncertainty, HCPF has been planning and considering alternative policies and models to ensure that the children and pregnant women who are covered by CHP+, Colorado's CHIP program, will have access to comparable sources of medical, behavioral health, and dental coverage with respect to affordability, adequacy of benefits, and availability of services. HCPF is hosting a public meeting to discuss options and receive feedback and advice from interested stakeholders on **July 21, 2016**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (303 E. 17th Ave., 7th Floor, Conference Room 7BC, Denver 80203, or participate by phone: (877) 820-7831, 422066).

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to submit comments, or would like more information, contact HCPF_CHPPlusFuture@state.co.us.

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 Health First Colorado 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:

- **August 12, 2016**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver
- **August 26, 2016**, 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](#).