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**June 15**, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver)  
[April 2017 Meeting Notes](#)  
[April 2017 Meeting Recording](#)

- [CKF Meeting and Event Calendar](#)
- Contact [Liz Tansey](#) with questions

### Health Policy

#### American Health Care Act Passes House

On May 4, the House of Representatives voted on and passed the American Health Care Act with a very small margin (217-213). The bill would repeal and replace parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and make other changes to Medicaid financing. Four amendments were added to the bill that had originally been introduced in March. An in-depth summary of the amended bill is available from the Kaiser Family Foundation [here](#).

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is now assessing how much the amended bill will cost, as well as how many people will be impacted by the bill. That assessment is expected on Wednesday of this week. The Senate version of the bill will need to save as much money as the House version in order to follow the rules for budget reconciliation. The Senate will begin working on the bill once the CBO score is released. Most reports indicate that Senate leaders will “start from scratch” on a new bill, which is anticipated to take several months before it will be voted on. It will need 51 votes to pass the Senate. If the Senate’s bill is very different from the House bill, both houses will need to vote again and pass a reconciled version before it would go to the President for signature. CKF will continue to monitor this bill, and will provide updates when available.

#### Awaiting Colorado Guidance on Marketplace Rule Changes

Last month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published a final rule that will make changes to health insurance marketplaces, especially in states that rely on Healthcare.gov. The Colorado Division of Insurance and Connect for Health Colorado continue

to work through the elements of the rule which allow for state flexibility, potentially including the length of the open enrollment period this year. The CKF team continues to follow this closely and will share more about the impact of the rule on Colorado as soon as it becomes available. The finalized rule is available [here](#).

### **HCPF Answers to FAQs on Health Reform and Immigrant Concerns**

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) has a frequently asked questions page on the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) website that addresses questions about the status of the ACA, Colorado's Medicaid expansion, and concerns that applying for Health First Colorado or Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) could impact immigration status. [See the FAQ here](#).

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **The Colorado Health Foundation Funding Opportunity Announcement**

Based on feedback from communities across the state and in response to emerging needs, the Colorado Health Foundation announced three new funding opportunities for the **Thursday, June 15** grant application deadline: [Advancing Behavioral Health](#), [Healthy Places: Designing an Active Colorado](#), and [Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Communities](#). Learn more about applying for Foundation funding [here](#).

## **Upcoming Calls, Trainings, and Events**

### **IHS Webinar About Reaching American Indian and Alaska Native Women**

Through this webinar provided by Indian Health Services (IHS), participants will learn about various benefits programs, and staff from IHS, Tribes, Tribal Health Programs, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Health Programs will share best practices related to benefits education, assistance, and outreach to American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The webinar will be held **Tuesday, May 23** from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Join the webinar by dialing 1-800-832-0736, with room code 6035143. View the slides [here](#) and join the IHS ACA listserv [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 Health First Colorado and cash programs, energy assistance, child support, childcare assistance program, PEAK, and a brief overview of the ACA. For more information and to register, please contact Kathy Crusan-Ford, Agency Trainer for SNAP Into Health, at [Kathleen.Crusan-Ford@denvergov.org](mailto:Kathleen.Crusan-Ford@denvergov.org). The upcoming trainings will be held:

- **Friday, May 26** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver
- **Friday, June 23** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver

### **June CBMS/PEAK Update Training**

Updates to PEAK and the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) will be implemented on Sunday, June 18. Expected updates include the following categories:

- Client Correspondence Compliance Enhancements
- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Updates for Adult Parents or Caretaker Relatives Living with Dependent Children
- PEAK Static Information Maintenance
- Spouse Verification Updates

- Working Adults with Disabilities (WAWD) – Additional HCBS Waivers

To learn more about these and other system updates, join one of the following webinars:

- **Thursday, June 15** from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (register [here](#))
- **Monday, June 19** from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (register [here](#))

You may also reference the CBMS/PEAK June 2017 Updates for [Community Partners](#) and [County Users](#) resources for more information.