



COLORADO COVERING KIDS AND FAMILIES MONTHLY COALITION MEETING NOTES

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Colorado Community Health Network, 600 Grant St., Suite 800, Denver, CO 80203

Updates from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Nina Schwartz, Strategic Policy Manager

- Revised NOA & trainings live webinars
 - The new NOAs are scheduled to be generated October 22. Webinars were held on October 24 and November 2.
 - A recording of the webinar and an updated desk aid will be posted on the HCPF website following the recording.
 - Q. Does this supplement the online training?
 - A. The Staff Development Center has an online training for County eligibility staff that includes all program areas, not just Medical Assistance. The HCPF training is designed for community based organizations and includes Medical Assistance (both HCPF programs and Connect for Health Colorado programs) only.
- CHP+ update
 - October 2, HCPF released a statement indicating federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) in Colorado, ended on September 30, 2017. HCPF has remaining funds and expects the program to continue operating as it always has, until January 2018. Congress may act at any time to continue funding CHIP.
 - There will likely be webinars and other materials available next month. The Colorado.gov/hcpf/futureofchp website is regularly updated with information.
 - Q. If the funding is gone at the end of January is it an auto redetermination to determine if the client is eligible for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)?
 - A. Yes. If CHIP is not re-funded and HCPF's reserves run out, all clients will be redetermined.
 - Please send CHP+ related questions to HCPF so they can update the Colorado.gov/hcpf/futureofchp with answers.
 - Connect for Health Colorado is working with CHP+ members to ensure communications to CHP+ members and enrollment are smooth.
- Health First Colorado co-pay limits
 - Not all Health First Colorado members owe copays. The members with co-pays are not required to spend more than 5 percent of their monthly income per month on copays. A letter will be generated and sent to members when they reach the 5 percent monthly income, per month on copays.
 - Healthfirstcolorado.com/copay is intended to be a one stop shop for members on the new letter that is going out when they reach their out of pocket max each month. Please follow up with HCPF with any questions. The website will be updated based on your questions.

Updates from Connect for Health Colorado

Saphia Elfituri, Policy Associate

- Preparations for Open Enrollment
 - The Connect for Health Colorado outreach team will send a collateral kits to all certified sites and anyone else interested. Contact the Assistance Network team or the Outreach team if you would like a collateral kit. You can also order outreach materials on the Connect for Health Colorado store C4HCOstore.com. Tax related materials created by the Piton Foundation will also available through the store.
 - Q. When will collateral be in the Connect for Health Colorado store?
 - A. Will let you know soon, collateral kits are being shipped to Assistance Sites starting today.

- Q. Are the enrollment centers listed on the website the sites for this open enrollment period?
- A. No, the website will be updated when sites are finalized.
- Cost Sharing Reduction payments
 - On Thursday, Connect for Health Colorado began loading the non-CSR plans in their system.
 - The Connect for Health Colorado website will be down Wednesday, October 25 – Tuesday, October 31. The Customer Service Center will be closed from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25 – Wednesday, November 1.
 - Due to the premium tax credits being based on the second lowest cost silver plan there will be a 20 percent decrease in premiums for APTC eligible consumers.
 - Q. Are premiums going up for all level tiers or only silver level plans (where cost sharing reductions exist)?
 - A. In Colorado premiums are going up for all tiers. States have flexibility and other states are managing rate increases differently.

CKF Updates

Stephanie Brooks, Project Manager

- Reminder: [PEAK Technical Support Call Center](#)
 - If you have technical issues using PEAK you can contact the PEAK Technical Support Call Center for assistance.
- Promising Practices in Outreach & Enrollment Materials: <http://ckf.cchn.org/publications/promising-practices/>

Coalition Member Updates and Information Sharing

What is going well for you? What is causing your work to go slowly? Have you experienced any recent successes or barriers?

- Denver Human services updated their Quick Guide that includes eligibility for all services. If you are on Kathy's distribution list you received the updated Quick Guide. If you would like the Quick Guide, contact Kathy (Kathy.crusan-ford@denvergov.org) Additional dates for Denver Human Services navigator trainings were added. New 2017 training dates are November 15 and December 20. Contact Kathy to register.
- Broomfield Assistance Site is doing community outreach at Broomfield High School from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on October 30.

Next meeting: November 16, 2017