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May 18, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver)
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Health Policy

Finalized Federal Rule Makes Changes to Marketplaces

This week the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published a final rule that will make changes to health insurance marketplaces, especially in those states that rely on Healthcare.gov. States and state-based marketplaces, like Colorado, will have some flexibility in how to implement some of the provisions of the rule. For example, the final rule shortens the open enrollment period to just six weeks (November 1 to December 15, 2017) for states that rely on Healthcare.gov, however state-based marketplaces have an option to add a supplemental special enrollment period that could effectively extend the open enrollment period in the state. Currently, Connect for Health Colorado and the Colorado Division of Insurance are examining the federal rule, and determining how to address these state options in Colorado. The CKF team is following 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](#).

Updated Income Guidelines for Health First Colorado, CHP+, and other programs

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) updated income guidelines for several health coverage programs based on the federal poverty level guidelines issued in January of 2017. The updated income guidelines are effective in Colorado on April 1, 2017. The agency letters describing the income changes are [here](#). The income chart describing

income levels for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) is available [here](#), and the income chart for Colorado Health Plan Plus (CHP+) is available [here](#).

Resources

FAQs on Pend at Redetermination Change Now Available

On March 19, HCPF implemented a project in the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) to automatically pend a case during a member's redetermination when certain information cannot be verified through an electronic interface. Read HCPF's [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) about this change or [download](#) from the February stakeholder meeting on this topic.

Newly Added and Updated Training Resources from PEAK Outreach

PEAK Outreach recently added and updated training resources available on their website at peakoutreach.com/training. The Application Walk-Through training presentations have been added or updated for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Nurse Family Partnership, Head Start, and SafeCare Colorado.

Reminder: OIT Resource Page

The Governor's Office of Information and Technology (OIT) put together a [resource page](#) on their website for CBMS and PEAK users. There is a link for information on accessing the new [PEAK Technical Support Call Center](#) as well as a link to a document about [how to reset your PEAK account password](#). There are also a links to the PEAK "build updates" documents, where PEAK system updates from November 2015 to present are listed.

New Supplemental Resources on the Medicaid Expansion and Opioid Use

New resources covering the [Medicaid Expansion](#) and Colorado's efforts to curb [opioid abuse](#) are now available on HCPF's [website](#). These materials can be shared and provide a more in-depth look at these important topics covered in the [HCPF Annual Report](#).

Recording of Enroll America's Webinar on Supporting Assisters in Uncertain Times

A [recording](#) and [slides](#) are now available from Enroll America's webinar which provided an update on the status of federal efforts to repeal or change the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including what they mean for assisters, ideas for messaging to consumers during this challenging time, and a roadmap of assister resources available from national organizations. Speakers included the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Families USA, Community Catalyst, and the National Health Law Program. (Note: this presentation is not Colorado-specific and some of the recommendations may not apply to Colorado programs.)

Enroll America Shuttters, but Resources Still Available

Enroll America was an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization and spent four open enrollment periods helping assisters reach and enroll clients into health insurance programs. Their national teams in Washington, D.C. that handle policy, social media outreach, and communications will shut down at the end of April. A few state programs, including Colorado, will continue a few months longer. The Get Covered Connector Tool will be taken over by [Young Invincibles](#), and Families USA will host a [national hub](#) where some of Enroll America's most important research, reports, templates, and fact sheets will live on.

Upcoming Calls, Trainings, and Events

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. The upcoming trainings will be held:

- **April 28** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver
- **May 26** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver