



COLORADO COVERING KIDS AND FAMILIES MONTHLY COALITION MEETING

Friday, June 15, 2018

9:00a.m.-10:30a.m.

Connect for Health Colorado Updates

Ian McMahon from Connect for Health Colorado provided a summary of the progress with the New Eligibility System, and an overview of silver-loading.

New Eligibility System

- Connect for Health Colorado is completing the functional requirements related to the online application.
- They are conducting direct consumer testing to assess consumers' understanding of the questions related to their income, and their ability to navigate the site.
- Visit <http://connectforhealthco.com/about-us/stakeholders-and-board/advancing-technology/> for more information, and send your feedback about the New Eligibility System to NESinput@c4cho.com.

Other updates

- In 2017, the Trump administration announced they would not fund Cost-Sharing Reduction (CSR) payments to health insurance companies. During the last open enrollment period and moving forward, the federal government is no longer reimbursing insurance carriers for the CSRs they are required to provide to consumers enrolled in silver-level plans. Carriers are still required to provide CSRs to eligible consumers according to the Affordable Care Act.
- During the last open enrollment period, the cost of CSRs were spread across all metal level plans. This year carriers will be “silver loading”, meaning the CSR costs will only be added to silver-level plans, instead of all plans. This will increase the cost for silver-level plans.
- Tax credit amounts for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) are calculated based on the cost of the second lowest-cost silver-plan. Because of this, it is expected that the net costs for consumers eligible for APTCs to will decrease, while the cost of silver-level plans is expected to increase for those who are not eligible for financial assistance.
- Connect for Health Colorado will not know the costs or standard deductible for bronze plans, until rates are released in July.

CHP+ and Health First Colorado Updates

Nina Schwartz and Ana Bordallo from Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing provided an overview of the ACC Phase II member letters, ACC Phase II webpage, the new paper application, and changes to household composition and tax information in CBMS.

Letters to members re: ACC Phase II

- Visit <http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/accphase2> for information and resources about

Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Phase II. The webpage has a sign-up for the ACC Phase II Newsletter, a form to submit questions, and member communications in the Member Messaging Resource Center.

- To ask a question about ACC Phase II, use the question form on the ACC Phase II webpage below the resource section. All questions submitted through this form will be reviewed and answered collectively. Individuals will not be answered directly.
- The Health First Colorado managed care plan/regional organization letters were sent out earlier this month to members who are enrolled in a managed care plan. The ACC enrollment letters will go out soon to all other members letting them know who the provider is that they are assigned to. Every Health First Colorado member will receive one of these two letters. Copies of the letters are on the ACC Phase II website in the [Member Messaging Resource Center](#) in English and Spanish., and copies of the Spanish letters will be posted soon.
- Attribution (i.e. the process that HCPF takes to assign a member with a primary care provider) will be finalized by early next week. Providers can now check the web portal to see what their patient's eligibility and assignment will be as of July 1st.
- HCPF is finalizing talking points for assisters. The main thing to share with clients is that Health First Colorado is going through administrative changes which will not impact their benefits. Health First Colorado members can still go to any provider that is a contracted Health First Colorado provider, even if the provider is not the one the member is attributed to.

New paper application, desk aid

- The new [paper application](#), [desk aid](#), and [webinar](#) about the new paper application is on the HCPF website. Applicants should now use the new paper application rather than the old paper application.

Updates to household composition and tax information in CBMS

- In the June build, CBMS was updated to collect information from applicants based on existing household composition rules. Adult tax dependents over the age of 19 will now be asked to provide information about the tax filer who claims them as a dependent even if the tax filer is not applying for benefits or lives out of state.
- Questions about tax filers are now in PEAK and on the new paper application. If a tax dependent does not provide the tax filer's information, CBMS pends the applications and sends a tax filer information packet to the applicant. If an adult tax dependent applies in-person at a county without their tax filer's information, their application will pend, and they will receive a packet.
- The tax information packet asks for the names of the tax filer and spouse of the tax filer, names of other dependents that the tax filer claims, and income information of the tax filer's household. The applicant has 10 days to complete the packet and send it back.
- There are some exceptions for when a person will receive the tax information packet, including if the member is experiencing domestic violence or homelessness. If an adult tax dependent in is experiencing domestic violence or homelessness, non-filer rules will apply.
- Tax dependents who pass away mid-year will continue to be part of tax filer's household until the end of the year, following IRS protocol. Before the build, they were being removed from the household as soon as their death is reported.

- The June 2018 PEAK Enhancement presentation includes information about the household composition changes. Click [here](#) to review the presentation.

Q: If the tax filer/parent is out of state, how does that impact this process?

A: The tax dependent is required to include tax filer information as part of the application. If they do not have tax filer information they can submit the application but will receive the tax filer information packet and will then have 10 days to submit it.

Q: If someone applies today, should they list their dependent status based on expected tax filing information for 2018 or what they filed in 2017?

A: Based on expected tax filing status for 2018.

Q: If someone applies stating they will be claimed as a dependent, and comes back and says that they are no longer going to be claimed, do they need to reapply? can they reapply?

A: Self-attestation of filing status is accepted. The county caseworker will update their application based on their new information.

Q: If a tax filer claims an adult Health First Colorado member as a dependent, what will happen to the member?

A: The member is required to report that they are claimed as a tax dependent and their eligibility will be checked based on the new information. Health First Colorado eligibility is looked at their status going forward not retrospectively, so the member's previous eligibility will not be impacted.

Q: If a child under 19 has parents who are divorced, and the child lives with the mother, and the parents take turns claiming the child as a dependent and it is the father's year to claim the child, does the mother have to get the child's father's tax information to enroll the child?

A: No, in this scenario the child's eligibility would be determined based on non-filer rules.

Museum and Cultural Center Admission Program

Troy Stone from Denver Human Services provided an overview of the Museum and Cultural Center Admission Program.

[Handout](#)

- The Museum and Cultural Center Admission Program allows Coloradans enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to use their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to get \$1 admission (per person) to participating museums in Denver, and the Denver Zoo. This program is available to all people with an EBT card in Colorado.
- Participants must pay the \$1 admission fee (per person) in cash or by check. It cannot be charged to their EBT card. This program allows for up to ten people and does not include special, paid exhibits.
- Additionally, SNAP eligibility was increased to 200% FPL starting June 1, 2018. With the increase in SNAP eligibility, more people can access the Museum and Cultural Center Admission Program.
- Denver Human Services Health Navigator Training presented by Kathy Crusan-Ford was revamped to include more practice-based sessions that are catered to the participants' needs. It's available through Denver Human Services, but is available to community-based organizations throughout Colorado. The training focuses on resources available in Denver

County, but highlights resources that are available statewide. Contact Kathy at Kathy.crusanford@denvergov.org to sign up for the Health Navigator Training.

CKF Updates

- Please respond to CKF's annual survey [here](#).
- The Building Better Health Conference will take place on October 15 and 16, don't forget to save the date! Registration will open in August.

Next meeting: Friday, July 20, 2018