



## MONTH MEETING NOTES

May 15, 2020

### Connect for Health Colorado Updates

Bailey Dvorak, Connect for Health Colorado, shared Connect for Health Colorado's open enrollment report, [By the Numbers](#). There were over 166,000 enrollees for 2020 coverage, which includes over 14,000 enrollees during the COVID-19 special enrollment period (SEP).

Q. How do enrollments for 2020 coverage compare to previous years?

A. Enrollment during the open enrollment period is down from previous years, but enrollments during the SEP brought enrollment in line with 2019.

### CKF Updates

CKF provided an update about Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) enrollment during the first quarter of 2020. During the first quarter of 2020, the total number of children and pregnant adults enrolled in CHP+ increased by 1,128 or 1.5 percent and the total number of people enrolled in all Health First Colorado programs decreased by 17,953 or 1.5 percent. While the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, requires continuous eligible for members from March 1, 2020, until the end of the public health emergency, members may have been disenrolled at the end of March before HCPF's build to implement continuous eligibility went into effect. Those members were re-enrolled in April, and will be reflected on the enrollment analysis for the second quarter of 2020.

CKF created a [guide](#) on Zoom enrollment assistance best practices, including how to make your Zoom session secure and HIPAA compliant. There is a [page](#) on the CKF website with COVID-19 resources for assisters and people in Colorado. CKF also created a [reference guide](#) for COVID-19 program and policy updates. This document will be updated as new information becomes available.

Q. With the COVID-19 continuous eligibility, will people who turn 65 and join Medicare continue to be enrolled in Health First Colorado?

A. There has not been information on that specifically, but the continuous eligibility is federally mandated.

Q. Are people being inappropriately terminated or is the mandate working?

A. There were members who were terminated in March, before the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) build was complete. Those members were re-enrolled in April.

Q. Does the anticipated increase in Health First Colorado enrollment include all members or just pregnant women and children?

A. HCPF is providing monthly forecasts during the Connect for Health Colorado Board meeting. As of the May Board meeting, HCPF is predicting 563,000 new members by December 31, 2020. These forecasts do not currently break down member type.

**Next meeting: May 29, 2020**