Alliance State Forum

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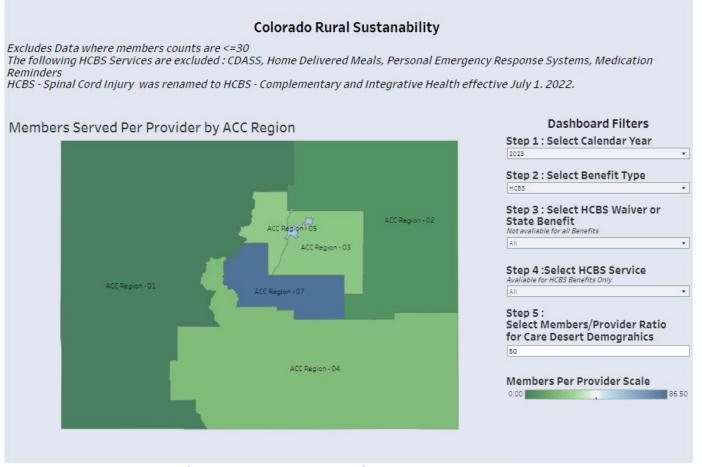
Agenda

- Rural Study
- Base Wage
- Personal Care, HMK (and HMA) services are all moving to CFC on July 1, 2025
- Case Management Update
- Redetermination

Rural Study

Any updates on the rural sustainability study?

- Interactive Heatmap Dashboard is <u>posted</u>!
- Report on strategies for rural sustainability: Identifies collaboration opportunities among hospitals, clinics, and HCBS providers to reduce costs and share resources, while considering varying cost structures also will be shared in November.



https://hcpf.colorado.gov/Rural-Sustainability-Heatmap

Base Wage

How will the state approach existing base wage requirements if there are proposed provider rate cuts?



- The budget will be public Nov.
 1st and there will be a lot that will happen during session.
- We will watch closely what happens and communicate any changes accordingly.

Personal Care / Homemaker Moving to CFC

Other than the Class B licensing requirements for PASAs are there any changes to Medicaid/PAR/ Case management processes or any changes to billing that providers should be aware of?

- We do not expect there to be other changes to provider requirements.
- All current HCBS providers for these services will be automatically enrolled as providers under CFC when CFC launches.
- CFC services will have their own procedure code and modifier that a provider will use to bill, when the service is provided under CFC.
- At this time, there are no changes to PARs or Case Management processes for CFC.

Case Management Update

- We have spent a decade working towards our shared goal. Unfortunately, the convergence of several changes at once led to increased workload and system challenges.
- Depending on where you are in the state, the experience of member & providers may be different.
- We appreciate your ongoing support. We ask that you continue reaching out to CMAs directly to resolve issues and can leverage our state escalation process if needed.

Our goal remains the same:

Create a system that will ease access and create a robust case management infrastructure that will support people.

Case Management Update- Stabilization

- Each CMA is experiencing the challenges differently, so we have been taking a community approach.
- Meetings with each CMA occurring monthly to discuss strategic approach to:
 - ☐ Timely access to services,
 - ☐ Backlog of case management activities, if any,
 - Stabilization of staffing,
 - Provide ongoing technical assistance.
- Meeting collectively with all CMAs to coordinate and ensure clear, consistent communication.



LTSS Stabilization/Escalations

LTSS Stabilization Website: Updated this week

Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan Plus Grievance Form

 Now available in Spanish! In the webform click "Para espanol, por favor haga clic aqui" to translate.

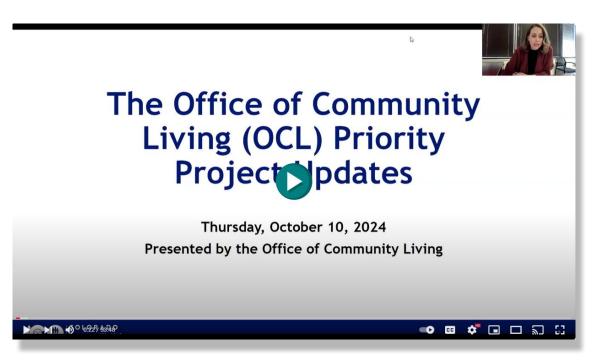
Redetermination / PAR Issues

Could HCPF comment on the plans for the auto-renewals going away? What is the timing, and do they feel the counties and CMAs are prepared to deal with Medicaid and PAR renewals?



HCPF will be moving to a new process in early 2025. We will be providing more information about this soon.

Priority Project Updates



Recent announcement and overview of our priority projects including:

- LTSS Stabilization
- Community First Choice
- Colorado Single Assessment and Person-Centered Support Plan
- Person-Centered Budget Algorithm
- Supports Intensity Scale Decommissioning

See: Webinar Recording, Slide Deck, Memo 24-024



Thank you!