



# At a Glance

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Updates

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## Breaking News

### Introducing Executive Director Susan E. Birch

Please join us in welcoming Sue Birch as the executive director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Sue comes to the Department with extensive experience in collaboration, which has led to the development of partnerships that have improved health care accessibility and effectiveness in Northwest Colorado.



Sue demonstrated her abilities as the Chief Executive Officer of the [Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association](#) in Steamboat Springs for the past 17 years. Her efforts moved the agency into a nurse-led model of integrated community health services including primary care, home and hospice care, public health and aging services. She helped start Club 20's Health Care task force which focused on Western Slope health care challenges.

Before moving to Northwest Colorado, Sue served at Georgetown University Hospital and in a variety of progressive nursing roles with Kaiser Permanente in Colorado and was president of the Home Care Association of Colorado.

Sue's unique background and experience will be instrumental in achieving Department goals. She states, "At this pivotal time in health care reform, Colorado is poised to leverage the successes of our healthy state and improve on health disparities and access for all Coloradans. The Department will continue to review every program and measure outcomes to ensure that programs are doing what they are supposed to do for the health of our clients – efficiently and effectively."

Sue earned her nursing degree and her master's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado. She recently concluded an appointment to the [National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services](#). She has also completed the [Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Livingston Fellowship](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellowship](#).

Sue is the mother to three college students, loves the outdoors and travels abroad.



**Provider Bulletin Electronic Only**

The Medicaid [Provider Bulletin](#) will no longer be mailed or emailed beginning March 1, 2011. The bulletin will be on the Department Web site as of the 3rd of every month. The link to the bulletins is easily found on the home page under "Communication". This change will assure that everyone who benefits by reading the bulletin will have access. It will also save \$50,000 per year in printing and mailing costs.

**Increasing the Number of Insured Coloradans  
MORE Grants Round 2**

A total of \$421,000 has been awarded to ten, statewide community-based organizations made available through a federal grant. The purpose of the grants is to educate families about public health insurance, to inform and aid children and families in their community with health coverage options, and to assist current clients with re-enrollment.

<b>Round 2 Awardees</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mountain Resource Center, Inc.	\$20,509.40
Plains Medical Center, Inc	\$28,672.49
Parenting Place	\$13,868.29
Prairie Family Center	\$21,848.49
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health- CO Chapter	\$77,304.00
Asian Pacific Development Center of Colorado	\$55,369.08
Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	\$54,694.00
Fresh Start, Inc.	\$72,718.36
YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region	\$28,500.00
Telluride Foundation	\$47,515.89
<b>Total of Awards</b>	<b>\$421,000.00</b>

**Application Assistance Site Mapping Tool**

The [Application Assistance Site Mapping Tool](#) is available to help applicants, providers and community partners find sites able to help with medical assistance applications. Locations can be found by using search criteria such as: city, site type, and location

The mapping tool was funded by [The Colorado Trust](#) and has replaced the *List of Locations that can Verify Documents* spreadsheet on the Department's Web site. The tool can be accessed from any computer at any time by anyone.

If you would like more information, please contact [Tonya Bruno](#).

## Improving Health Outcomes

### Discounted DME Supplies for Applicants

For applicants awaiting Medicaid eligibility determination, there are vendors who provide DME supplies at discounted rates. Click [here](#) to find the list of vendors.

### Accountable Care Collaborative Update

The Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) has officially left the planning stages and entered into implementation.

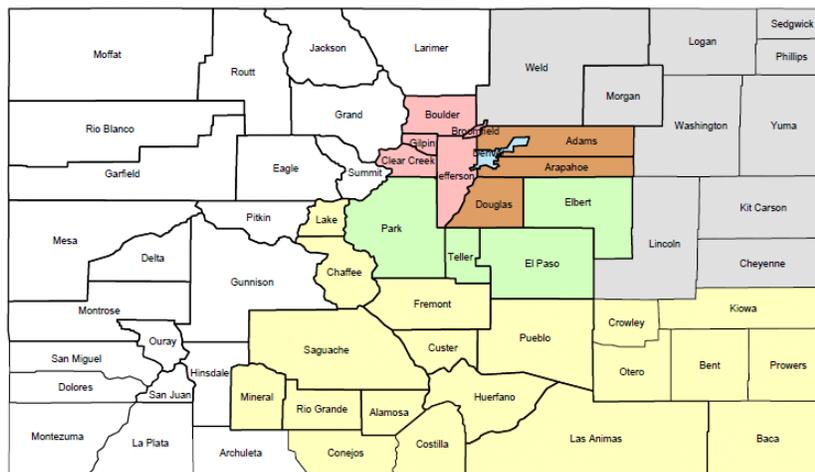
The ACC is comprised of three major components: primary care providers, which serve as medical homes for clients; the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs), which are responsible for improving health outcomes and reducing costs; and a Statewide Data and Analytics Contractor (SDAC) that will provide an unprecedented level of data to providers and the RCCOs and will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Five of the seven RCCOs contracts have been awarded.

- 1 Rocky Mountain Health Plan
- 2 Colorado Access
- 3. Colorado Access
- 4. Colorado Access
- 5. Community Health Partnership

RCCO 1 and RCCO 2 will be launched first, enrolling Medicaid Members beginning in April. The remaining five RCCOs will be launched in June. In the first year of the Program 60,000 Medicaid clients will be enrolled, evenly divided among the seven RCCO Regions.

The SDAC vendor has also been awarded. Treo Solutions, Inc. of Troy, NY will begin operations this spring. They are tasked with providing services such as data warehousing, Web hosting and development and advanced program analytics and reporting.



## Employment Opportunities

The Department is searching for dedicated people to support Colorado’s most vulnerable individuals. If you would like to join us in our mission, please visit the [state’s](#) job listing site and click on Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

The Department offers a competitive benefits package that includes the Public Employees Retirement Account (PERA), a 401K or 457 retirement plan, health and dental insurance options, 10 holidays, accrual of paid sick and vacation time.

The Department is centrally located and offers affordable ECO passes and has a fitness center on-site. A variety of discounts on services and products are available to state employees through the State of Colorado's Work-Life Employee Discount Program. The Department also offers the ability to take advantage of college tuition through CSU Global for their employees.

The Department is a tobacco-free campus.

## **Enrollment**

In December 2010, 556,120 clients were on Medicaid and 68,278 clients in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's Web site, <a href="#">Budget</a> .
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