



# At a Glance

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## **Breaking News**

### **New Electronic Interface Coming in February: Department of Motor Vehicles**

Effective February 27, 2012 an additional tool will be in place to help electronically verify an applicant’s identification and lawful presence. The Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) will connect directly with the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR), and the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This interface will be a real-time query of the DMV database using an applicant’s demographic information to produce a match, or verification, of the available information as related to the applicant’s Colorado Driver’s License or Colorado State

Identification card. Trainings on the new interfaces for eligibility workers will be held starting February 14, 2012.

For more information please see the Streamlining the Eligibility Process Fact Sheet by clicking on ["What's New"](#) on [Colorado.gov/hcpf](http://Colorado.gov/hcpf).

### **Adults without Dependent Children Update**

After an extensive stakeholder process, which included hearing concerns from county partners and other stakeholders, some changes have been made to the implementation plan for the [Adults without Dependent Children \(AwDC\) program](#). Instead of the first-come first-serve approach, a randomized member selection process will be used to determine enrollment for eligible applicants. Here is the proposed approach for the new enrollment process:

- Applications will be accepted and processed between April 1 and mid-May 2012.
- Applicants determined eligible will be assigned to one of the seven [Accountable Care Collaborative \(ACC\)](#) regions based on their county of residence.
- Those whose numbers are within the number of allocations in that region will be enrolled into AwDC and provided Medicaid benefits. For these clients, benefits will begin on May 1, 2012.
- All other eligible applicants, including those who apply after the mid-May date 2012, will be placed on a statewide waitlist.

The program will still be capped at 10,000 clients and be limited to those under 10% of the federal poverty limit. The implementation plan is currently with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for review. If you have questions about this program, please contact [Susan Mathieu](#) at 303-866-3582.

### **NEMT Update**

Effective January 1, 2012 First Transit became the new contractor for [Non-Emergent Medical Transportation \(NEMT\)](#) for Medicaid clients residing in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, and Weld counties. NEMT service plays a key role in helping eligible Medicaid clients get to and from their medical appointments.

In the first two weeks of service, call volumes were more than double last year's levels and clients experienced long wait times. First Transit responded by doubling the number of incoming phone lines into their call center, brought in additional staff and extended service hours to improve their level of client service. Since then, wait times have dropped substantially.

For more information about eligibility, phone numbers, frequently asked questions or to let the Department know about your experience with First Transit visit the [Department's NEMT Web page](#) or call [Chris Acker](#) at 303-866-3920.

### **CHP+ Pre-HMO Period Still In Effect**

The pre-HMO period for the CHP+ program will not be changing. In its January meeting, the Medical Services Board unanimously approved a measure to keep in place the current pre-HMO period for children in the CHP+ program.

If you would like additional information or have questions please contact [Alan Kislowitz](#) at 303-866-3646.

## **Increase Access to Health Care**

### **For our Providers: Reminder to Update Contact Information**

Even though many payment functions have become electronic, updating your physical address including clinic locations with the Colorado Medical Assistance Program is still important. This is especially important when clients are trying to locate a Medicaid provider or when a provider would like to refer a client to a specialist.

The [Provider Enrollment Update Form](#) must be used to update license and NPI information, addresses, and affiliations with the fiscal agent, ACS. In addition, an email address may be added or updated to receive electronic notifications. [This version](#) of the form can be filled out online and then printed. With the exception of provider license and NPI information, the updates noted above may also be made through the [Colorado Medical Assistance Program Web Portal](#).

If you would like more information please contact [Verna Roquemore](#) at 303-866-3186.

## **Containing Costs**

### **CHP+ Enrollment Fee Cost-Sharing Changes In Effect on January 1**

The new enrollment fee for certain CHP+ clients went into effect on January 1, 2012. This fee does not apply to all CHP+ clients, only those in certain income categories. Anyone under 205% FPL will have the same fee as before. Changes to copayment amounts will not be in place until July 1, 2012.

If you would like more information, visit [Colorado.gov/hcpf](http://Colorado.gov/hcpf) and click on ["What's New."](#)

## **Increasing the Number of Insured Coloradans**

### **Adult Buy-In Program Set for March 1 Start**

The [Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities](#) is set to be implemented March 1, 2012. The program will allow working adults with disabilities who earn too much income or have too many resources to qualify for regular Medicaid to purchase or "buy-in" to obtain coverage. The Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities is part of the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act funded by the [Hospital Provider Fee](#).

To learn more about the program please contact [Kimberley Smith](#) at 303-866-3991.

### **Medicaid on the Move Regional Meetings**

The Department is hosting regional outreach meetings throughout the month of February about the implementation of the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities and Adults without Dependent Children expansions. The two hour meetings will also cover Colorado PEAK, the online application for medical, food and cash assistance programs.

More information is available on the Department Web site at [Colorado.gov/hcpf](http://Colorado.gov/hcpf) under the Quick Links section in Training Events. To register, please visit our registration site at [hcpftraining.gosignmeup.com](http://hcpftraining.gosignmeup.com). Click on 2012 Medicaid on the Move Regional Meetings for dates, locations and times. Or contact [Andrea Skubal](#) at 303-866-3632 or [Jennifer Larsen](#) at 303-866-4019 for registration assistance.

### **Add A Baby Training**

The Department is offering an Add-A-Baby process training for providers, community based organizations, Certified Application Assistance Sites (CAAS), Medical Assistance sites and others who help Medicaid or CHP+ prenatal mothers report the births of their newborns. The training will be via WebEx, on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 1-3 p.m.

You can register at <http://hcpftraining.gosignmeup.com/> or contact [Shawna Moreno](#) at 303-866-4456 for more information.

## **Improving Long Term Services and Supports Delivery System**

### **Long Term Services and Supports Redesign Forum**

The Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing, Human Services and Public Health and Environment submitted a proposal to the Joint Budget Committee that includes streamlining the state's long term services and supports system by focusing on reducing department level fragmentation, leveraging federal health care reform dollars and improving services to clients.

Partners and stakeholders are invited to provide input into this proposal. There is an informational meeting on the long term services and supports redesign proposal this Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Frisco at the Summit County Community Senior Center from 10am – Noon. A call-in number is available for those who cannot attend in person: 1-877-820-7831 (toll free), participant pass-code: 447596.

For more information on opportunities to be involved in the long term services and supports redesign contact [John Barry](#) at 303-866-3173.

### **Dual Eligible Demonstration Proposal – Call for Comments**

The Department's [Dual Eligible Demonstration Proposal](#) is looking for stakeholder input on the first draft of its proposal to integrate care for clients who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Comments are due on the draft proposal by **Wednesday, February 15** with the goal of a revised proposal being ready for review and additional comments by late February or early March.

For more information about the Dual Eligible Demonstration proposal contact [Teri Bolinger](#) at 303-866-2412.

## **Employment Opportunities**

Applying for state jobs has just become easier! Applications are electronic, you will receive updates, and you do not need to answer any written questions until it is determined that you meet the minimum qualifications. Check out the new [Web site](#) and our job openings.

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, and accrual of paid sick and vacation time.

The Department is a tobacco-free campus.

## **Enrollment**

<p>In December 2011 there were 620,799 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 74,030 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's <a href="#">Budget</a> Web page.</p>
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