Adults without Dependent Children Expansion and CICP FAQs

1. Can individuals on the Adults without Dependent Children (AwDC) waitlist be on the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)?

   Yes, individuals on the waitlist will be able to receive CICP benefits and services. The notice that individuals will receive when they are placed on the waitlist includes information about the CICP, including the phone number and link for additional information. Individuals can call 303-866-3513 or 1-800-221-3943 or visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

   Once clients become enrolled in AwDC and are no longer on the waitlist, they are not eligible for CICP.

2. How will providers know who is receiving benefits through the AwDC expansion?

   Providers can verify eligibility through the methods they currently use:

   - Colorado Medical Assistance Program Web Portal,
   - FaxBack, and
   - Colorado Medicaid Eligibility Response System (CMERS)/Automatic Voice Response System (AVRS).

   Detailed verification of eligibility information can be found in the Provider Services Billing Manuals on the Department Web site by visiting: Colorado.gov/hcpf > Providers > Provider Services > Manuals

3. Does this mean CICP providers need to check Medicaid eligibility every time someone comes in who might be eligible for the AwDC expansion?

   After mid-May, when it has been determined which clients have been randomly selected to receive benefits, providers should confirm enrollment in the AwDC expansion for all individuals in the lowest CICP rating categories (below 40%). Individuals whose income may qualify them for AwDC should be referred to apply. Note: applications can be determined eligible for AwDC after April 1, 2012

   The eligibility and enrollment FAQ provides additional information about the randomized selection process and the timing of eligibility and enrollment activities.

4. How can people apply for AwDC?

   a. Individuals may apply by filling out the Application for Public Assistance (individual must select "Adult Medical Assistance"), the Application for Medical Assistance (individual must select "Medical Assistance Program for Adults and Disabled Children") or by using the Program Eligibility

and Application Kit (PEAK) online (individual must select "Medical Assistance Program for Adults and Disabled Children").

b. Individuals may apply at any CAAS, MA site, county department of human/social services, by using PEAK online or by mailing the Application for Medical Assistance to the State Eligibility and Enrollment Medial Assistance Program (EEMAP) vendor.

5. Should people apply for AwDC even if there is a waitlist?

   Yes. All individuals who are determined eligible for AwDC and are placed on the waitlist will be included in a random selection process when enrollment is available. Also, having clients apply for the program, even if there is a waitlist, will help the Department assess the need for the program and learn more about the applicants in advance of health care reform in 2014, when there will be coverage for eligible individuals up to 133% FPL.

6. Will individuals have to apply for the AwDC expansion and CICP?

   Yes. The application process for AwDC and CICP is different and requires separate applications. As a reminder, though, individuals can be on the waitlist for AwDC and still be eligible for CICP benefits.

   Clients on the waitlist may be enrolled in CICP without completing the entire CICP application and given a CICP rating of "Z" or "N". Clients placed on the AwDC waitlist will receive a notification, which CICP providers may attach to the CICP application. Clients must sign the CICP application, and the providers should get enough information to determine if the client is homeless. If the client is homeless, he or she should receive a "Z" rating; otherwise, he or she should receive an "N" rating.

This FAQ is a working document and will be updated bi-weekly. If you have any input, please contact Susan Mathieu by the 1st or 15th of each month.