ACC Payment Reform Initiative: HB 12-1281 Implementation Process

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is committed to transforming the health care delivery system to improve our client's health outcomes and contain costs.

Accountable Care Collaborative

Through a stakeholder driven process that involved a broad spectrum of participants including providers, health plans, advocates for clients, policy makers and others, the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) was developed to improve health outcomes and contain costs.

- Under the ACC framework, Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) help coordinate care, ensure access to care and quality in service delivery.
- The ACC infrastructure with its focus on client-centered care and regional solutions is the vehicle for delivery and payment reforms in Colorado Medicaid.

ACC & Innovations in Payment Reform

Legislation passed in 2012, HB 12-1281, allows the department to accept proposals for innovative payment reform ideas that will demonstrate new ways of paying for improved client outcomes while reducing costs.

The Department has developed a formal process for requesting, receiving, evaluating and selecting proposals.

Step 1: Call for Abstracts (August 2012)

- All abstracts will be submitted through the Accountable Care Collaborative's Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCO).
    - All partners interested in submitting an abstract or proposal should work directly with their RCCO on the abstract and subsequent payment reform proposals.
        - RCCOs can work with multiple partners and are not limited in the number of abstracts they can submit.
    - Visit our ACC Payment Reform Initiative webpage for additional resources and guidelines for abstracts.

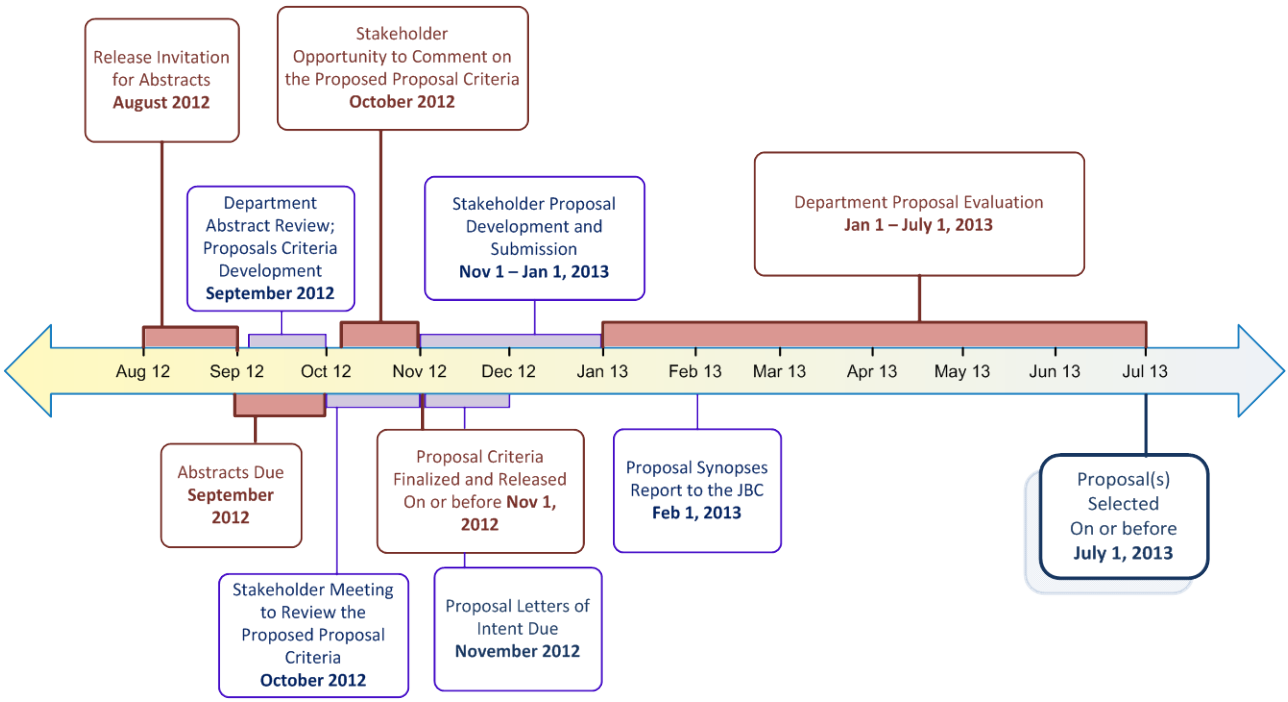
Step 2: Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Stakeholder Meeting (October 2012)

- The Department will develop comprehensive proposal criteria using the information learned from the abstract process.
    - Criteria will be released for stakeholder comment.
    - Along with the written feedback, the Department will host a meeting for additional feedback.
    - Final evaluation criteria will be released in an invitation for proposals which will contain instructions and a submission deadline.

Step 3: Proposal Submission and Evaluation (November – December 2012)

- RCCOs and other organizations in partnership with RCCOs will submit proposals to the Department for evaluation and possible selection.
- The Department will choose one or more programs no later than July 1, 2013.

Preliminary Timeline



For updates, Frequently Asked Questions, meeting dates and other information please visit the ACC Payment Reform Initiative webpage.

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