



COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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Invitation for Abstracts for the ACC Payment Reform Initiative

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) is requesting abstracts as part of the implementation of Colorado House Bill (HB) 12-1281 signed by Governor John Hickenlooper on June 4, 2012. Among the requirements of the bill, the Department must evaluate one or more payment reform program proposals by July 1, 2013 and implement at least one program thereafter.

As outlined in the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Payment Reform Initiative [fact sheet](#), the submission and evaluation of proposals will follow a three-phase process:

- 1) Submission of abstracts by interested organizations,
- 2) Development of proposal evaluation criteria and stakeholder meeting, and,
- 3) Dissemination of the official invitation for proposals and the evaluation period.

Please review the fact sheet document for more overall information regarding the submission and review process at the [ACC Payment Reform Initiative](#) webpage.

Abstract Guidelines and Requirements

The Department invites Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) in conjunction with providers and community partners to submit abstracts describing a proposed new payment methodology. Along with stakeholder input, these abstracts will help define the scope of potential proposals and inform the official proposal evaluation criteria.

Abstracts guidelines are as follows:

- Provide a brief outline of the basic concepts of the new payment methodology and the provider entities involved.
- Include a brief description of how claims and payments would be administered.
- Describe how the proposal will result in improved health outcomes and client experience while supporting the financial sustainability of the Medicaid program.
- Describe how the proposal will be budget neutral or result in net savings to the Department.
- Provide an overview of the quality and satisfaction measures to be included in the program(s).
- Describe how the program will provide data related to health outcomes, costs to provide client care, and provider and client satisfaction.
- All abstracts must be submitted by one of the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) and identify any partnerships with other entities.
- RCCOs and their partners are not limited in the number of abstracts that may be submitted.

Format and submission criteria:

- The abstract must be no more than two (2) pages in length, on standard 8.5” x 11” paper, with one-inch margins and a minimum of 11-point sans serif font.
- No more than one (1) attachment or addendum with a table or graphic, limited to one (1) page.
- Abstracts may be sent in electronic or hard-copy format.
- All abstracts must include name, email, and direct phone number of a contact. This does not have to be at the RCCO.
- Please send your abstract to the program contact Joe Rogers at:

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- All abstracts must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 11th, 2012.

Materials provided outside of the format and submission criteria will not be considered by the Department.

Please visit the [ACC Payment Reform Initiative](#) webpage for more information.