



# At a Glance

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## **Breaking News**

### **MaryKathryn Hurd joins the Department**

MaryKathryn is our new legislative liaison and will be working in our Policy and Communications Office.

MaryKathryn has most recently been the legislative liaison with the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA). While at DPA, MaryKathryn was instrumental in the passage of Gov. Hickenlooper’s “Colorado Talent Agenda” for reforming Colorado’s state personnel system. Prior to joining the state, MaryKathryn worked as a contract lobbyist with the Denver firm of Boyle, Silver & Weist Policy Strategists, Inc.

### **CHP+ Prenatal Care Program Changes**

Medicaid income requirements for pregnant women will change as of January 1, 2013 upon Medical Services Board approval. This change will move pregnant women with incomes less than 186% FPL from the CHP+ Prenatal Care Program to Medicaid. Women with incomes 186% to 250% FPL will remain in CHP+.

These changes are to occur all at once on January 1, 2013 as mandated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

All pregnant women will receive a letter in early November letting them know of the changes. The letter will instruct the affected pregnant women as to what they must do for continuity of care.

There is an adequate number of Medicaid providers statewide. There are approximately 70 providers who are currently not in the Medicaid network seeing pregnant women. We have a provider relations team who will be working with these providers to become CHP+ and Medicaid providers.

Clients will not need to fill out any paperwork at the time of their transition to Medicaid.

### **ICD-10 Delay**

CMS recently announced the implementation of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10), will indeed be delayed one year to October 1, 2014. This delay gives all providers a good amount of time to prepare for this important change to the ICD-9 code sets.

The implementation of ICD-10 will result in updated clinical modification (ICD-10 CM) and inpatient procedure codes (ICD-10-PCS). ICD-10 provides significant improvements on ICD-9 through more specificity and the ability to expand descriptions in order to capture additional advancements in clinical medicine.

For more information on ICD-10, please visit the CMS Web [site](#). You will find resources to help you make this transition, including fact sheets and timelines.

### **Improving Health Outcomes**

#### **Receive Valuable Data**

[Data.Colorado.Gov](#) is an exciting new open data portal service that allows state agencies and the public sector to post public datasets. The data presented encompasses a variety of domains including educational, legislative, and health in the form of charts, graphs and maps.

The data are valuable tools in assisting research, development and assessment of current trends, policies, and demographics; and it's easy to use. Since its inception in June 2012, Data.Colorado.Gov has had 60,000 views.

### **Improve the Long-Term Services and Supports Delivery System**

#### **Dual Eligibles – Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees**

CMS has renamed the population we know as “dual eligible individuals.” CMS’ preferred nomenclature is now “Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.”



#### **Colorado Choice Transitions Provider Enrollment**

Policy guidance for the Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) program is now available. The [Services and Supports Desk Reference](#) offers essential information on CCT demonstration services to providers, clients and stakeholders. It includes service definitions, minimum provider qualifications, service rates, and other pertinent information.

Part of the federal Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration, CCT is a 5 year grant program with the primary goal of facilitating the transition of Medicaid clients from long-term care facilities to the community using home and community-based services (HCBS) and supports. Services are intended to promote independence, improve the transition process, and support people in the community. CCT participants will have access to HCBS waiver services as well as demonstration services.

Participants will be enrolled in the program for 365 days, and at the conclusion of their participation, they will enroll in one of five HCBS waivers:

1. Persons who are Elderly, Blind and Disabled;
2. Persons with Brain Injury;
3. Community Mental Health Supports (formerly Mental Illness);
4. Supported Living Services; or
5. Persons with Developmental Disabilities as long as they remain Medicaid eligible.

In order to participate, clients must meet long-term care Medicaid eligibility requirements; must reside in a long-term care facility for a period of no less than 90 days; and must be willing to move to qualified housing as defined in federal statute.

Provider enrollment for the CCT program will begin in November 2012.

*For more information, or to enroll as a provider, please contact [Nicholas Clark](#) or [Nicole Storm](#).*

## **Increase the Number of Insured**

### **CBMS System Changes to Improve Enrollment Processes**

Effective January 1, 2013 the CHP+ enrollment process will be smarter and more effective. System enhancements will reduce delays in access to benefits. Due to enhancements, applicants no longer need to select an HMO on the application. This will eliminate the need to pend applications for an HMO selection before the application is approved.



### **Healthy Living Initiatives**

The Department has released fact sheets about health disparities in the Medicaid population in Colorado. The attached documents establish baselines and follow health trends over time, comparing the Medicaid population to state and national averages in the areas of oral health, obesity, depression, and tobacco use.

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The fact sheets are also available on our [Web site](#).

*If you would like more information, please contact [Lisa Waugh](#).*

## **Medical Services Board**

### **Public Rule Review Opportunities**

Partners who are interested in a one-on-one discussion with Department staff about upcoming rules are invited to attend the Department's Public Rule Review Meeting. Information is available on the [Public Rule Review Meetings](#) web page. Reasonable accommodations for the meetings are provided upon request for persons with disabilities.

*For more information or to be added to the Board email distribution list for updates on Board activities, please contact [Judi Carey](#).*

## **Employment Opportunities**

Applying for state government jobs is easy. 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**

In September 2012 there were 660,365 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 83,989 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's [Budget Web page](#).



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