

Access to Medicaid Services

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Medicaid Access Requirement

The Social Security Act requires states to:

"...assure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under the plan at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area;"



Assuring Access to Medicaid Covered Services Rule

- Effective January 4, 2016
- Requires each state to submit an Access Monitoring Review Plan
- Puts new requirements on analysis for rate reductions or changes to rate methodology
- Colorado will submit our plan in July 2016



AMRP Included Services

Non-managed care access in five service areas:

- Primary Care
- Physician Specialist Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Obstetric Services
- Home Health Services



Colorado Rate Review

- SB15-228 directs the Department will review provider payment rates at least once every five years
- The five year cycle will be published on September 1, 2015 - it is subject to change based on action by the JBC and/or the Advisory Committee
- A review of the rates DOES NOT GUARANTEE CHANGES TO RATES
- The rate review will include price, quality and access measures
- Rate changes will be subject to the Department's regular budget process



MPPRR Advisory Committee

- A 24 member Advisory Committee will be established on August 1, 2015 by leadership in the General Assembly.
- The committee will meet at least quarterly to:
 - Review and maybe modify the proposed review cycle
 - Review reports
 - Take public comment
 - Recommend process improvements



Access Strategies

- Provider Relations and recruitment by the Department and by contractors
- Integrated Care - primary and behavioral health services
- Project ECHO - Chronic Pain and Buprenorphine
- eConsult - Rheumatology

