

Project Update from Advisory Subcommittee Meeting, April 9, 2013

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to work with Colorado to maintain momentum on the project while we work through the financing issues for the first year of the Demonstration. The Department is preparing the administrative budget for the Demonstration and intends to submit it later this month.

We are developing an internal operational timeline using an August 1st implementation date, which means the first individuals would be enrolled as of October 1st. We know that implementation will not be sooner. Additional CMS delays could cause implementation to be later.

We are continuing to develop quality measures for the Demonstration and will discuss quality measures again at the Advisory Subcommittee meeting on May 14th.

In the meantime, we are continuing to use the Advisory Subcommittee's input to develop enrollment materials. The Department's Demonstration Project Team, Customer Service Group, and Public Information Office will meet on April 18th to review information and determine next steps.

The Ombudsmen Alliance is meeting with the Department and the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations on April 19th and again on May 2nd. They are continuing their discussions on how to work together better on complaints, grievances, appeals, and referrals to serve Medicare-Medicaid enrollees and their family members in the Demonstration.

Work continues on developing and testing the written protocols between Community Partners (such as the Single-Entry Point Agencies, Community-Centered Boards, Behavioral Health Organizations, hospitals, home health agencies, nursing facilities, and hospice) and Regional Care Collaborative Organizations. Our goal is to have the protocols in use by the end of May.

The Colorado Hospital Association is also sponsoring a four-hour Transitions of Care meeting with the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations on May 22nd. Tom Hill, the Hospital Association's representative on the Advisory Subcommittee, arranged the meeting. It will focus on planning transitions from hospital to home or community at the time of discharge.

The next quarterly stakeholder meeting for the Demonstration is on Tuesday, April 30, at the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Denver. There is also a toll-free call-in option for those who cannot attend in person.