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KEY DATES

General

Stakeholder Meeting 10/22/15

Aurora Public Schools

15771 E. 1st Ave

Aurora, CO 80011

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

RMTS

11/04/15 RMTS Overview Training

11/17/15 JM16 Staff Rosters updates & certification due

Quarterly Cost Report

10/01/15 JS15 Quarterly Financials open

10/29/15 JS15 Quarterly Financials due

Annual Cost Report

10/01/15 Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Annual Cost Report due

10/31/15 FY15 Desk Reviews begin

FALL 2015 FY15 In-Depth Financial Review

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

Stay up to date on information from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing by signing up for:

- At A Glance: Monthly Department-wide newsletter by emailing Michelle.Adams@state.co.us

RANDOM MOMENT TIME STUDY (RMTS) FAQs

Can I update my district specific calendar to reflect my Holiday/Non-Work days if they differ from Public Consulting Groups's certified calendar that only includes the federal holidays?

Yes. Coordinators can update their district calendar to match their district Board approved Holiday/Non-Work days.

Are professional development days considered 'Non-Work Days' on the calendar?

No. Professional development days should not be considered 'non-work days' on a district calendar.

Will a participant only receive moments within their appropriate shift time?

Yes. A participant will only be sampled within the duration of the shift the participant is assigned by the RMTS coordinator.

Can I create a shift for contractors whose schedules change within a quarter?

No. Coordinators should assign one shift that best fits the contractors' schedule. Any changes made to a participants shift during an active quarter will not be reflected until the next RMTS quarter.

Can I update and certify my district calendar for the full school year?

No. Calendars will be updated and certified on a quarterly basis.

How often will participants be notified of their sampled moment(s)?

Participants will receive an email including the hyperlink to complete their moment five (5) days prior to the moment date/time, one day prior to the moment date/time and the day of the moment. If the moment is not completed within 24 hours, a late notice email will be sent to the participant and district RMTS coordinator. One final late notice will be generated after three days if the moment remains incomplete (late notice emails will not contain a hyperlink to the moment).

Should I create a shift for early release days?

No. Shift hours should be based on the participants or staff work day and not the student schedule. Coordinators should assign participants' shifts (start/end times) that are appropriate to the participant start and end time of their work day.

Can RMTS coordinators view district specific responses to moments submitted by their district participants?

No. Time study responses are confidential and cannot be shared with RMTS coordinators. Confidentiality is required to maintain validity of the time study.

What is the OIG Exclusion Database?

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) Exclusion Database is a list of providers and entities currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and all other Federal health care programs. The OIG maintains the Exclusion Database.

Can partially federally funded participants be added to a staff pool list?

Yes. You can include participants on the staff pool list who are partially federally funded. Only staff who are 100 percent federally funded should not be included on the staff pool.

What is ASHA?

ASHA is American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Qualified Health Care Professionals such as Speech Language Pathologists, and Speech Language Pathologist Candidates require this licensure to provide services in Colorado.

What is DORA?

DORA is the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Qualified Health Care Professionals such as Audiologists, Clinical Social Workers, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapist Assistants, Physical Therapists, Physicians, and Social Workers require this licensure to provide services in Colorado.

QUARTERLY COST REPORTING FAQs

If a contractor was invoiced in January and paid in April, which quarter should I report costs for?

Quarterly costs are reported on a cash-basis. If an invoice is paid in April, the costs would be reported on the quarter they were paid so in the example above, the costs would be reported on the April – June quarter, regardless of when the services were rendered.

What is MER?

Medicaid Eligibility Rate (MER) – A ratio used to apportion costs for the quarterly Medicaid Administrative Claim. The denominator is the total number of students enrolled in the district, also referred to as the October 1 count reported to the Colorado Department of Education. The numerator is the number of students enrolled in the district on October 1, and eligible for Medicaid on October 1.

DEPARTMENT FAQs

When can you reapply as a provider for the Colorado Interchange (new MMIS billing system)?

Providers were divided into 7 waves with each wave having its own revalidation dates. All providers must be enrolled by March 31, 2016. The wave schedule and more information can be found on the [Department's website](#).

How will the transition to ICD-10 codes occur? How long can we use the ICD-9 codes?

ICD-9 will be good for all dates of service prior to October 1, 2015.

ICD-10 will be used for all dates of services occurring on and after October 1, 2015.

More information on the Implementation of ICD-10 can be found at the [CMS State Medicaid Agency Collaboration Site](#).

ANNUAL COST REPORTING FAQs

How can districts ensure documentation is sent securely for reviews?

PCG will provide instructions on how to upload documentation to a secure FTP site.

Do Annual Other Costs have to pertain to Special Education?

The costs do have to relate to services provided to Special Education students with at least one reimbursable direct service identified in their individual education plans (IEP) or individual family service plans (IFSP). It is always important to review the three questions below when determining whether or not to include costs under this section of the report.

- What is the purpose of this item?
- Is the item used for a Direct Medical or Targeted Case Management (TCM) Service?
- What is the desired outcome of using the item?

Explain the documentation needed for reviews if one district transports a student to a second district where that student receives a Medicaid eligible service as required on his or her IEP.

When transportation is provided to a student it must be outlined on the IEP and have occurred on a day when the student received a reimbursable direct medical service pursuant to his or her IEP. The districts will have to work together to ensure the appropriate documentation is in place. If a one way trip is billed, using procedure code T2003, the district must be able to show from service logs that the student also received an allowable direct medical service pursuant to the student's IEP. Also, the district must have bus logs and attendance records to support the billed one-way trip.

MEDICAID REBRAND

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is proud to introduce a new look and name for the state's Medicaid Program. The name, Health First Colorado, came directly from extensive focus group testing with current and prospective clients, as well as polling of state leaders and Department employees.

WHY are we introducing a new name and look for Medicaid?

Because Medicaid is changing. The program is undergoing a profound transformation, focused on improving service and engagement of our members and providers.

The new look and feel of Medicaid represents our commitment to working collaboratively with partners and stakeholders, reflects the diversity of the clients we serve and our dedication to empowering clients to fully engage in their health and health care.

A new name and look for the Colorado Medicaid program will better represent the value of these advancements, which include a modernized enrollment and payment claims system, a mobile app for members, a redesigned website, new social media sites and an initiative to do our work in a way that is person-centered. The new logo below will be launched in May 2016.



NEWS FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Colorado Department of Education website has numerous resources for districts, teachers, direct service providers and families. This article will highlight the Healthy Schools website and the resources it provides.

cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/healthyschools

There are fact sheets and slide presentations outlining risky behaviors found in youth as well as a presentation on Healthy Students are Better Learners. You will also find data on the Healthy School Champions Score Card and Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. On the left side of the page you can find additional information on Brain Injury, the Colorado Coalition for Healthy Schools, School Health Professional Grant Program, Project Aware and much more. Please take a few minutes to review the valuable school health resources available to your district. Please contact Jill Mathews, 303-866-6978 with questions.

If you have any suggestions for Newsletter topics please email Shannon Huska at Shannon.Huska@state.co.us or PCG at cocostreport@pcgus.com or cormts@pcgus.com

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