

TARGETED RATE INCREASE OPPORTUNITY

FY 2015-2016

Notice: The Colorado Department for Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is seeking stakeholder input regarding potential targeted rate increases using funds that may be appropriated. Approximately \$16.5 million may be available for targeted rate increases in FY 2015-2016.

The ultimate decision on moving forward with the increase is dependent upon approval by the General Assembly. Even if we do not receive approval to move forward with this request, we plan to use the information you submit to us to help inform future budget and policy requests.

It is our intention that this notice reach all interested stakeholders. Please distribute it to anyone who may be interested in submitting a proposal to the Department or interested in participating in this process.

Any proposed rate increase(s) **MUST** be able to be implemented no later than July 1, 2015. **Stakeholders are asked to submit their input on or before 5pm, Friday, January 2, 2015 to allow the Department sufficient time to implement the increase(s).**

Guidelines for Submitting Input:

Each rate increase recommendation should be limited to 2 pages and should include the following information.

- a. Explanation of how the recommendation addresses the following purposes of the project:
 - promote utilization of low-cost, high-value procedures that ultimately improve client outcomes and reduce expenditures; and/or
 - address inappropriate provider reimbursement rates to improve client access to cost-effective care.
- b. Specific service or units of service recommended for an increase
- c. Percentage and dollar amount represented by the recommended rate increase
- d. Known challenges and barriers to implementation, including the need for state legislative or regulatory changes and/or federal approval.
- e. Explain how the proposed increase will:
 - i. Address the Purposes stated above
 - ii. Ensure or improve client access to care
 - iii. Incentivize more providers to deliver the service(s)
 - iv. Improve quality health outcomes for Medicaid clients

- v. Increase efficiency, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of service utilization
- f. Would the Department be able to implement the increase by July 1, 2015?
- g. Is the proposed increase operationally and programmatically feasible and sustainable?

Please note the Department must select rate increase option(s) that comply with legal requirements and are operationally feasible. When selecting options, the Department must consider whether major claims payment system changes would be required and the associated cost and timeline for those changes. Only rate increases that can be implemented on or before July 1, 2015 can be selected.

The 0.5% increase is dependent upon approval by the General Assembly. Even if we do not receive approval to move forward with this request, we plan to use the information submitted to help inform future budget and policy requests.

Please submit feedback to: Medicaid2015@state.co.us

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