

Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Newsletter



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The Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) is the primary vehicle for delivering health care to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members. Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) are the central component of the ACC and are responsible for promoting members' physical and behavioral health in each of seven regions. The ACC provides the platform from which other health care initiatives can thrive as they better serve members and create value.

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We encourage you to visit the ACC webpage for more resources.

You previously signed up for the ACC Phase II implementation newsletter and we hope you will continue to find these communications valuable. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you can opt-out by using the SafeUnsubscribe link, found at the bottom of this email.

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ACC Program Updates

Healthy Communities Transition to the ACC

Effective July 1, the Department transitioned the work of the Healthy Communities Program to the Department's RAEs.

Historically, the Healthy Communities program provided outreach to newly enrolled families with children under the age of 21 and pregnant women enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+). Moving forward, this outreach will be performed by the RAEs and Managed Care Organizations as it aligns well with their existing work and provides cost savings opportunities.

We would like to thank the many Health Communities staff members and partners who worked so hard to help improve the lives and health of the people we serve.

[RAEs](#) will now handle Health First Colorado member questions concerning providers and benefits. [County departments of human/social services](#) will answer questions about member applications and eligibility status. [CHP+](#) customer service will answer any CHP+ member questions at 1-800-359-1991.

For more information, [contact your RAE](#).

Initiatives of Interest

Senate Bill (SB) 19-195: Child and Youth Behavioral Health Systems Enhancement Budget Impacts

During the 2020 legislative session, the difficult budget decision was made to suspend funding for [SB19-195](#). SB19-195 provided funding for the development of a high-fidelity wraparound benefit and the design of an integrated funding pilot that could reduce the duplication and fragmentation of funding sources for multi-system involved children and youth. The Department will continue to work within the ACC delivery system to improve behavioral health services and coordination for children and youth at risk of out of home placement.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Benefit Implementation

The Department continues to prepare for the implementation of the new residential and inpatient SUD benefit on Jan. 1, 2021 by working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain federal approvals. The Department also continues its collaboration with the RAEs, Managed Service Organizations and the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health to prepare for the implementation of the new service coverage.

See the [latest program updates](#) on the Department's website.

Upcoming Meetings

Accountable Care Collaborative Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)
Wednesday September 16
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

More details are on the [PIAC website](#).

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