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Breaking News

August CBMS System Builds

The Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) has outlined upgrades to CBMS that will be occurring in August. As a part of the on-going improvement projects, CBMS users can expect to see the following changes to the system during the month of August:

CBMS Claims for POE-Simplified Reporting

This project pertains to changes needed in the Benefit Recovery and Benefit Issuance tracks. This system build will ensure the change from monthly to simplified reporting includes the appropriate program integrity rules enforced.

Colorado Works Whereabouts Unknown

This project changes CBMS functionality for Colorado Works cases when an Assistance Unit is determined as Unable to Locate. Colorado Works benefits will be held from issuance for up to two months before the case will be discontinued for Whereabouts Unknown – Unable to Locate. This project contains new notices that will be sent to Colorado Works recipients prior to their benefits being put on hold or prior to their case discontinuing for Whereabouts Unknown – Unable to Locate.

This project also contains changes to CBMS functionality for Food Assistance cases. Food Assistance will no longer be discontinued or denied when a household is determined as Unable to Locate. Food Assistance will continue to use the Colorado

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Works grant amount while the benefits are on hold, but if Colorado Works is discontinued for Whereabouts Unknown – Unable to Locate, Food Assistance will no longer count the Colorado Works held benefits and create a restoration.

The next issue of *At a Glance* will provide an overview of a series of system changes occurring in September. In the meantime, for a project-by-project look at what is happening and what users can expect when a build has been completed, please visit the Future Projects Index under the CBO tab at [www.CBMSColorado.com](http://www.CBMSColorado.com) or contact [Chris Lines](#).

## **PEAK Enhancements**

If you would like to read more about the June 2013 PEAK system enhancements click [here](#).

## **Training Update**

There were more than 120 statewide participants, including staff from counties, Medical Assistance sites and the Department of Human Services (DHS), who attended the [non-MAGI training](#).

We look forward to refining the modules to provide both online sessions as well as repeating in-person training.

We look forward to the ongoing collaboration with everyone and the integration of the Department, OIT and DHS staff in delivering integrated training to eligibility workers.

## **Client PHI and Email**

The Department has seen a number of emails of late that include clients' protected health information (PHI) that are not encrypted.

Please remind your staff that [HIPAA privacy rules](#) are very strict about sending PHI only via encrypted email and anything less is considered a potential HIPAA violation.

*If you would like more information, please contact the Department's privacy officer, [Erika Bol](#).*

## **Improve Health Outcomes**

### **Health Perspectives**

The [Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved](#) has begun a series of infographics that explore health from the perspectives of different populations. The infographics are informed using health survey data. They demonstrate varying experiences of health and health care by Coloradans across the state and of all ages. All infographics can be downloaded.



*To view and download the infographics, please click [here](#).*

## **Dental Benefits Collaborative**

The Department is convening a series of stakeholder meetings in response to the passage of [SB13-242](#). The purpose of these meetings is to collaboratively consider benefit design, benefit delivery models, cost and client experience.

The initial Dental Benefits Collaborative kick-off meeting will be held:

Friday, August 9, 2013  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
COPIC Building  
7351 E Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80230  
Mile High Conference Room

or attend by phone:  
1 877 820-7831  
participant passcode: 423066

All members of the public are welcome to attend. *For more information, please contact [Kimberley Smith](#).*

### **Affordable Care Act Implementation News**

The [ACA Implementation News](#) is a twice a month publication providing updates on and opportunities to participate in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

### **Increase Enrollment**

#### **Health Care Innovation Plan Advisory Group**

The Colorado Health Care Innovation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting will discuss Colorado's State Innovation Model ([SIM](#)) Grant building on contributions made at the meeting in May.

The time and location for the meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday, August 6  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** History Colorado  
**Address:** 1200 Broadway, Denver

**RSVP:** *By August 2, 2013 to Kathy Helm, [ColoradoSIM@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:ColoradoSIM@coloradohealthinstitute.org).*

### **Colorado Access in Sedgwick County**

We are happy to announce the expansion of the CHP+ Colorado Access service area into Sedgwick County effective August 1, 2013. This will increase the services available to our CHP+ members in this county and will ensure all CHP+ members have access to an HMO.

Colorado Access will be the primary CHP+ plan in this county. The State Managed Care Network (SMCN) will continue to provide services to pre-HMO and pregnant members in all counties.

*If you would like more information, please contact [Teresa Craig](#).*

### **Affordable Care Act Video**

The Kaiser Family Foundation has released a [video](#) explaining the Affordable Care Act. All of the information is factual and easily understood. Please feel free to share it with your colleagues and clients.

## Iconathons

In partnership with [The Noun Project](#), the Department hosted Denver's first Iconathon event. The theme for this Iconathon was "Expanding Health Care Access & Coverage."

The aim of an Iconathon is to add to the public domain a set of universally understood graphic symbols that visually communicate important social and civic concepts.

Attendees were nominated by Department staff and included eligibility workers, stakeholders, state staff, and designers.

Attendees worked in small groups to develop symbols based on several pre-selected terms. Some examples of the terms are: Out-of-Pocket Expenses; Protected (by Health Insurance); Health Insurance Marketplace; and Coordinate Patient Care.

Approximately 17 terms were worked on; the most successful concepts are being turned into computer files by The Noun Project. Once completed, they will be released on The Noun Project's website and available on the public domain (free, for anyone who wishes to use them).

To see examples of iconathons, scroll down on the Iconathon web page.

For more information, please contact [Yamairah Keller](#).



## Hospital Provider Fee Oversight and Advisory Board

### Board Member Opening

We are seeking an individual who is a current health care consumer willing to volunteer time to fill a position on the Hospital Provider Fee Oversight and Advisory Board (OAB). Familiarity with Medicaid programs is helpful, but not required.

The Hospital Provider Fee authorizes the Department to collect a hospital provider fee to increase Medicaid and Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) payments to hospitals. The OAB's responsibility is to work with the Department and the Medical Services Board to develop the hospital provider fee model, monitor its implementation, help with preparation of annual reports on this program, and ensure that Medicaid and CHP+ eligibility expansions are implemented as intended.

The OAB meets the fourth Tuesday of most months. While board participation is on a volunteer basis, expenses for travel and other board related items may be reimbursed.

If you would like to apply for the OAB health care consumer seat, please visit the Governor's [Office of Boards and Commissions](#) web page and download the application.

If you would like more information, please contact [Nancy Dolson](#).

## Medical Services Board

### Rules Update

At the Medicaid Services Board meeting on July 12, 2013, a CHP+ rule was passed to incorporate Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations. The ACA aligns Medicaid and CHP+ rules; therefore CHP+ rules refer to the Medicaid rules. This will make CHP+ more efficient and streamlined.



As a result of the rule, CHP+ eligibility will begin on the first day of the month of the date of application. For example, if an application is received on June 15, 2013, eligibility begins on June 1, 2013.

The rules are effective as of October 1, 2013.

*If you would like more information, please contact [Max Salazar](#).*

### **Public Rule Review Opportunities**

Partners who are interested in a one-on-one discussion with Department staff about upcoming rules are invited to attend the Department's Public Rule Review Meeting. Information is available on the [Public Rule Review Meetings](#) web page. Reasonable accommodations for the meetings are provided upon request for persons with disabilities.

*If you would like more information, or to be added to the Board email distribution list, please contact [Judi Carey](#).*

### **Employment Opportunities**

Applying for state government jobs is easy. Applications are electronic, you will receive updates, and you do not need to answer any written questions until it is determined that you meet the minimum qualifications. Check out the [website](#) for state of Colorado jobs including the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing jobs.

The Department offers a competitive benefits package that includes the Public Employees' Retirement Account (PERA), a 401K or 457 retirement plan, health and dental insurance options, 10 holidays, and accrual of paid sick and vacation time.

The Department is a tobacco-free campus.

### **Enrollment**

In June 2013 there were 729,074 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 66,119 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's [Budget](#) Web page.



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