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Breaking News

Save the Date

The Department is hosting a series of Benefits Collaborative meetings to strengthen and develop wheelchair benefit coverage standards. The first meeting will be held Friday, November 1, 2013 in the Mile High Conference Room of the COPIC Building, 7351 E Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80230.

We welcome all stakeholder input. For the full meeting schedule and any additional information, including how to participate by phone, please visit our benefits collaborative website.

Medicaid Customer Service Number

Medicaid Customer Service now has a one point of contact phone number:

Medicaid Customer Service
1-800-221-3943

The 1-800 number now works for calls coming from metro Denver. Please update any materials that contain the local Medicaid Customer Service number.

For more information about the telephone number, please contact Christine Comer.

At a Glance

Improve Health Outcomes

PCP Supplemental Payment Program

The total amount paid out to physicians through the PCP Supplemental Payment Program for the first two quarters exceeds \$16 million.

The PCP payment program will continue through calendar year 2014. Eligible physicians can attest to their status as a Primary Care Provider using the online [form](#), any time up until December 31, 2014. Only claims after successful attestation will be evaluated for supplemental payment. Newly enrolled physicians must complete the attestation form to participate in this program.

If you would like more information, please contact [Richard Delaney](#).

ACA and Medicaid Expansion Speaking Requests

In an effort to coordinate in person or webinar speaking requests regarding the ACA or Medicaid expansion by representatives from the Department, we have created a speaking request form. Please fill out the form found [here](#) at the bottom of the page and send it to [Colleen Daywalt](#).

Preventing Falls

According to a study in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#), Colorado can decrease the rate of fall-related hospitalizations among older adults by 10 percent and prevent more than 1,000 hospitalizations each year by implementing evidence-based fall-prevention programs statewide. Providers play an important role in caring for older adults, and can help reduce these devastating injuries.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention developed the [STEADI \(Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries\) Tool Kit](#) to help physicians assess fall risk and make referrals to physical therapy or community programs through the [Fall Prevention Network](#) or local [Area Agencies on Aging](#). The STEADI Tool Kit contains resources and tools that will help make fall prevention an integral part of your clinical practice.

Health care providers can contact Aerin LaCerte with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at 303-692-2530 or Aerin.LaCerte@state.co.us to schedule a STEADI Tool Kit educational presentation or webinar.

Media Campaign Points Patients to Diabetes Prevention Program



The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will be running a media campaign with CBS Television to raise awareness about the Diabetes Prevention Program, a healthy lifestyle program aimed at keeping people with pre-diabetes from developing type 2 diabetes. We are asking for help from health care providers across Colorado in referring their patients with pre-diabetes to this proven program.

The media campaign begins airing in October and will run through December on CBS stations statewide. It includes television and digital advertisements educating viewers about pre-diabetes and driving viewers to call 1-800-DIABETES to learn more about the program.

If your patients ask you about pre-diabetes, please encourage them to get their blood sugar checked or take a simple risk test at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/prediabetes.htm>. If they find they are at risk or simply want more information, ask them to call 1-800-DIABETES to find a program in their area.

The Diabetes Prevention Program, now being offered by the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver and community groups across Colorado has been shown to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes. Taught by trained lifestyle coaches, this low-cost 16-week program includes weekly sessions on nutrition and physical activity, such as how to read food labels, how to develop and maintain a healthy diet, and how to deal with stress without overeating. UnitedHealthcare and Kaiser Permanente currently cover the Diabetes Prevention Program for their members.

Improve Long-Term Services and Supports

Integrating Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees

The Department and CMS continue to work collaboratively on the State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Full Benefit Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees in Colorado. The Department submitted an implementation funding request to CMS at the end of May.

Following U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' grants policy, an independent review panel recently completed evaluating the latest round of state requests for implementation funding. Award amounts are based on the size and scope of each Demonstration.

CMS and the Department are now working together to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for operating the Demonstration. During this process, CMS and the Department will finalize the amount of the implementation funding award. The Department will begin to receive funding after the MOU is executed, and implementation is expected to begin in early 2014.

For more information, contact [Teri Bolinger](#)

Fiscal Management Request for Information

The Department is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to receive responses from vendor organizations that can provide information to aid the Department in its re-procurement of Fiscal Management Services (FMS) for the Department's Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services ([CDASS](#)).

The Department seeks to identify potential changes to its FMS contract for CDASS delivery option.

Please note that the response deadline for this RFI is November 8, 2013 and the Department's sole point of contact for this RFI is John Murphy.

If you would like more information, please contact John.Murphy@state.co.us.

Increase Enrollment

ACA Communication Resources

The Department has developed a number of resources geared towards community partners and consumers to help get the word out about the changes to Medicaid and the new Connect for Health Colorado marketplace.

The resources available for download on our site [here](#) include posters, flyers, handouts and brochures.

If you have suggestions for additional consumer-focused resources we can create, please contact [Colleen Daywalt](#).

Certified Application Counselor Program

Connect for Health Colorado is happy to announce the [Certified Application Counselor](#) Program.

This new unfunded initiative is a way for qualified organizations designated by Connect for Health Colorado to receive training to help support Coloradans with applications for health coverage through the new marketplace. The Certified Application Counselor Program is designed for providers and other organizations that perform application assistance for health coverage or financial assistance, or otherwise provide support with health coverage enrollments.

If you would like more information, please click [here](#).

New Consumer Website – Colorado.gov/health

The Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing, Public Health and Environment, Human Services and the Division of Insurance have been collaborating on a new consumer friendly website to help direct Coloradans to resources related to health and health care.



The goal of [Colorado.gov/health](#) is to help consumers easily find what they need without having to navigate through each of our department's websites, or understand who does what in government to find information. The initial focus of the website is the Affordable Care Act, but it will evolve over time to be more about using insurance, and health and wellness.

Please help us get the word out about this new resource and include a link to the site from your publications or websites. If you have questions, need a promotional graphic for your site to link to Colorado.gov/health, or have comments about the site, please contact [Joel Risberg](#).

Iconathons

Last month we reported on the partnership between the Department and [The Noun Project](#), who together hosted Denver's first Iconathon event. We are excited to announce that the icon set from the *Expanding Health Care Access & Coverage Iconathon* has been released. These symbols were released under [public domain](#), and are available for anyone to download and use. You can find the symbols [here](#) (please note: most links to *The Noun Project's* website work best in Google Chrome and will not work in Internet Explorer).



The Department is interested in using symbols as a way to transcend cultural and language barriers, deliver information quickly and effectively, and communicate in a way that can be easily understood, regardless of language spoken.

For guidance on how to use these symbols in *your* work, please view the recommendations posted on our [website](#).

If you would like more information, please contact [Yamairah Keller](#).

Medical Services Board

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 jobs with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

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 August 2013 there were 731,093 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 69,087 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's [Budget](#) Web page.



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