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Contracting Guidance for Behavioral Health Providers

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On July 1, 2018, new Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) will serve as the single entity responsible for coordinating both physical and behavioral health for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members and administering the capitated behavioral health benefit. These are the duties previously contracted by Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) and Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs).

The RAEs are responsible for developing and managing a network of primary care physical health providers and behavioral health providers to ensure access to appropriate care for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members. Moving forward, all behavioral health providers who want to receive reimbursement for providing services covered by the capitated behavioral health benefit **must contract directly with the RAE(s)**.

Behavioral Health Provider Contracting is Separate from Enrolling through the Colorado interChange

Health First Colorado providers with a current enrollment (successfully completed [enrollment or revalidation](#) through the Colorado interChange) with the fiscal agent, DXC Technology (DXC), do **not** need to make changes to their enrollment to contract with the RAE(s).

Contracting for Behavioral Health Providers

Beginning July 1, 2018, RAEs will assume the role previously filled by BHOs. **RAEs will pay claims under the capitated behavioral health benefit and will authorize behavioral health services.**

Behavioral Health providers will need to contract with the RAE and be credentialed by the RAE to receive reimbursement for providing capitated behavioral health services as of July 1, 2018. Behavioral Health providers must be enrolled as a Health First Colorado provider before they can be credentialed by a RAE.

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Behavioral Health providers are encouraged to contract with multiple RAEs to promote a statewide behavioral health network. Behavioral Health providers that should be part of the RAE network include:

- Community Mental Health Centers
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospitals including psychiatric hospitals
- Independent providers
- Non-physician practitioner groups
- Providers employed by a Primary Care Medical Provider
- Rural Health Centers
- Substance Use Disorder providers

While the RAEs are required to contract with certain federally defined essential community providers, such as Federally Qualified Health Centers, the RAEs have the authority to determine which providers they credential into their network.

Action Needed

- You must be enrolled as a Health First Colorado provider. Behavioral health contracting with the RAE is different than provider enrollment and revalidation with DXC Technology.
- [Contact a RAE](#) immediately to begin the contracting and credentialing process. Behavioral health providers must contract with and be credentialed by a RAE to receive reimbursement for providing capitated behavioral health services after June 30, 2018.
- Continue billing your current BHO for services through June 30, 2018.

Contact your RAE Today!

Region	RAE	Contact Information
1	Rocky Mountain Health Plans	Email: support@rmhpcommunity.org
2	Northeast Health Partners	9925 Federal Drive, Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80921 Phone: 1-800-804-5040 Email: COProviderRelations@beaconhealthoptions.com
3	Colorado Access	Amber Garcia Phone: (720) 744-5487 Email: pns@coaccess.com
4	Health Colorado, Inc.	9925 Federal Drive, Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80921 Phone: 1-800-804-5040

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