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To: Community Centered Board Executive Directors
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Stakeholders

From: Emily Blanford, Assistant Director – Administrative Services

Date: November 5, 2014

Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF
Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Draft Provider
Screening Rule

Purpose:

To inform Home and Community-Based Services providers and stakeholders of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (Department) request for feedback related to the new Draft Provider Screening Rules.

Background:

New federal regulations, promulgated in the Federal Register (76 FR 5862) require enhanced screening and re-validation of providers enrolling with Colorado Medicaid. As a result, the Department has developed a draft rule that follows the guidance published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These regulations are designed to reduce the potential for Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.

Procedure or Information:

Implementation of the enhanced screening procedures will be required for all existing and new providers beginning in September of 2015. In preparation for these changes, on November 24th 2014 from 1-2pm, the Department will host a webinar on the new federal provider screening regulations. The webinar will provide stakeholders an opportunity to learn about these new federal regulations and ask questions of Department staff. Information about how to register for the webinar will be available under the "Federal Provider Screening Regulations" section of Colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-implementations.

Additionally Kyle Brown, Special Projects Coordinator, Health Information Office, will be giving a presentation at the Case Managers' Directors Meeting on November 20, 2014.



To access the Department's Draft Provider Screening Rule, a complete list of dates and deadlines, and other related information, providers and stakeholders should visit the "Federal Provider Screening Regulations" section of the HCPF website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/provider-implementations>. Although December 1, 2014 is the planned last day to submit comments on the draft rule, Department staff will continue to communicate about the rule and its impacts as this project moves forward.

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