COVID-19 Updates

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

May 1, 2020
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• Greg Schlosser, Branch Chief, CDPHE

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• Bonnie Silva, Office of Community Living Director, HCPF
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- Provider Recruitment
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- FMAP by Eligibility Class
- Stimulus, Budget Discussion, Timing
- Title VII SCOTUS Decision
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Medicaid Category Enrollment

Enrollments and composition over time

Medicaid & CHP+ Eligibility

- Medicaid Children (56.2% Federal Funds, 43.8% General Fund)
  - Oct-19: 411,497
  - Nov-19: 411,497
  - Dec-19: 411,497
  - Jan-20: 411,497
  - Feb-20: 411,497
  - Mar-20: 411,497
  - Apr-20: 411,497

- Medicaid Expansion Adults (90% Federal Funds, 10% Cash Funds)
  - Oct-19: 370,557
  - Nov-19: 370,557
  - Dec-19: 370,557
  - Jan-20: 370,557
  - Feb-20: 370,557
  - Mar-20: 370,557
  - Apr-20: 370,557

- Medicaid Parents (56.2% Federal Funds, 43.8% General Fund)
  - Oct-19: 226,120
  - Nov-19: 226,120
  - Dec-19: 226,120
  - Jan-20: 226,120
  - Feb-20: 226,120
  - Mar-20: 226,120
  - Apr-20: 226,120

- All Other Categories (56.2% Federal Funds, 43.8% General Fund)
  - Oct-19: 203,054
  - Nov-19: 203,054
  - Dec-19: 203,054
  - Jan-20: 203,054
  - Feb-20: 203,054
  - Mar-20: 203,054
  - Apr-20: 203,054

- CHP+ (80.8% Federal Funds, 19.2% Cash Funds & General Fund)
  - Oct-19: 80,961
  - Nov-19: 80,961
  - Dec-19: 80,961
  - Jan-20: 80,961
  - Feb-20: 80,961
  - Mar-20: 80,961
  - Apr-20: 80,961
Cumulative Monthly CBMS Applications by Zip Code
Submitted Jan-Mar 2020

January Applications

Cumulative February Applications

Cumulative March Applications

Cumulative April Applications

Legend
- 1 - 15
- 16 - 30
- 31 - 100
- 101 - 200
- 201 - 500
- 501 - 2000
- 2001 - 7140

DIT GIS Coordination and Development Program
April 23, 2020
Snapshot of Application Processing

Applications increasing; processing increasing more

Value Definitions

- **Apps Received** - includes all applications received through PEAK and all applications started by an eligibility worker in CBMS
- **Apps Authorized** - Means a determination of eligible or denied has been made on the application
- **Total Pending** - all applications received that have not yet had a determination made
- **NOTE**: This includes both HCPF and CDHS Applications.
Updated Medicaid, CHP+ Membership Surge Forecast

- Membership surge of about 437,000 Coloradans between April 1 and September 30, reflecting a 35% increase to the 1.3M members covered in Medicaid and CHP+ as of March 2020.
- Once the public emergency period ends, we project an estimated disenrollment of 240,000 members who do not meet eligibility criteria after maintenance of effort ends.
- Net surge of 287,000 members, 23% increase during FY 2020-21 compared to March 2020.
- This net membership surge represents an increase of 243,000 members over the most recent budget forecast.
Help Us Recruit More Medicaid Providers

With a 400k expected surge in Medicaid enrollees - *coming from commercial insurance* - providers should enroll in Medicaid to protect patient share and revenue

**How providers enroll with Health First Colorado (CO Medicaid)**

- Click on the [Web Portal](#) button on the [Department’s website](#) to begin an enrollment application

- Choose the provider type of "ordering, prescribing, or referring" for practitioners working in the hospital setting only (institutional billing), or choose "individual within a group" if the physician has a clinic NPI (professional billing)

- Need copy of the practitioner’s NPI, license, SSN, address, malpractice insurance for application

- Applications can be submitted in as little as 30 minutes

- Once submitted, app processed in as few as 5 days

- Applicants will receive an email on approval or outstanding items that need to be sent

- Contact the Provider Services Call Center at 1-844-235-2387 for questions on how to complete the application

- [Our Provider Enrollment Webpage](#) for more info
New Enrollee Assumptions

- Likely coming from employer coverage without pent up demand, healthier.

- FY 2020-2021 - will cost 75% of the Acute Care costs (hospital, physician, Rx, etc.) associated with current enrollees and 44% of the overall average cost of Medicaid current enrollees (due to the absence of these new members needing HCBS services) in FY 2020-21.

- Cost is even lower in FY 2019-20 at 50% of the Acute Care cost of current enrollees and 34% of the overall average cost of Medicaid enrollees because it takes time for appointments to be made and claims to be paid for new enrollees, as explained in the comments above.
Understanding Budget Impacts: Medicaid enrollees have different funding sources

**Funding Breakout**

- **Children & Parents**
  - **Earning <60% FPL**
    - **STATE** Approximately 50% of the funding to cover children is paid for by the State General Fund, which is approximately $850,703,392.
    - **FEDERAL** The other 50% comes from federal matching funds which is approximately $850,703,391. In addition, parents who make up to 60% of the FPL receive the same 50% matching rate to fund their coverage.

- **Adults without Children & Parents**
  - **Earning >60% FPL**
    - **STATE** No General Fund is used for these populations. The State uses approximately $176,386,643 Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund is used for these populations.
    - **FEDERAL** Federal funds pay 90%, approximately $1,587,479,783, of the cost for adults without children and parents earning 60% to 133% FPL (populations coverage was expanded to under the Affordable Care Act). Hospital provider fees pay the remaining share of the funding.

- **People with Disabilities**
  - **INCREASES BY 6.2% TO 56.2% of the total cost of coverage.**

- **Older Adults**
  - **Age 65 & Older**
    - **STATE** Approximately 50% of the funding to cover older adults is paid for by the State’s General Fund which is approximately $766,125,741.
    - **FEDERAL** The other 50% of the funding for their coverage comes from federal matching funds which is approximately $766,125,741.

For more information, visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

**Temporary COVID-19 Enhanced Federal Matching**

- **INCREASES BY 6.2% TO 56.2% of the total cost of coverage.**

*The duration of the national emergency is determined by the federal government.**

CHP+ will also have a Temporary COVID-19 Enhanced Federal Match, federal matching rate increases to 80.84% from 76.5%.
Multi Year Fiscal Challenge

General Fund Expenditures

- Estimate assumes steep drop in revenue, then gradual build back.
- Estimate is very rough and does not represent a forecast update.
Reversion $$ from HCPF

- Cost: Emergency Payments
- Cost: Maintenance of Effort for CHP+
- Savings: 6.2 points of FMAP Stimulus receive in 2019-2020 to 2020-2021
- Savings: Offsets Due to Utilization Decrease
  - Reduction in utilization due to
    - "Stay/Safer at Home" Orders
    - Patient/Consumer fear of COVID19 infection/spread

Total Reversion to General Fund HCPF Target - $180+ Million
Recent Congressional Actions - New $ will not be enough to address growing needs and funding shortfalls...

- $2.3 Trillion CARES Act Passed, Families First Coronavirus Response Act Passed (6.2pt FMAP increase)

- Senate & House Passed Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 266) - $484B Legislation: $75B for Hospitals, $25B for COVID testing, replenishes $300+B into Paycheck Protection Program, and incudes additional funds to support small businesses.

- HRSA has launched a portal for providers to seek reimbursement for the care of the uninsured with COVID diagnoses. More information is available here.

**GOAL:** Please help us secure more $$ for the state!
Tough Decisions Ahead
HCPF Key Considerations

✓ Incorporate utilization declines before budget cuts
✓ Protect our most vulnerable - coverage and benefits
✓ Budget to Consensus Membership Surge/Average Projection
✓ Tier Budget Cuts - as needed
✓ Recognize Stimulus dollar recipients & every $1 of Medicaid GF reduction generates a loss of roughly $2 in Federal Funds to the state.
✓ Transparent, collaborative approach - together with our partners
Executive Order: OSPB to Submit Sequestration Plan to JBC & General Assembly

• This week, Gov. Polis signed Executive Order D 2020 050, restricting spending for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The Executive Order directs the Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) to submit the sequestration plan outlined in the Executive Order to the Joint Budget Committee and General Assembly.

• The sequestration plan set out in the Executive Order D2020 050 is a targeted and practical approach to reduce spending quickly by $228.7 million to attempt to maintain the statutory reserve requirements directed by statute. It builds on OSPB’s Guidance for Fiscal Conservation issued March 30, 2020 and does not rely on broad across-the-board cuts but rather specific line item reductions that can be made with the least possible impact to State programs and services. Importantly, the Executive Order does not mandate any furloughs or layoffs for State employees this fiscal year, and we want to ensure we have a strong, stable State workforce as we manage the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Read the full Executive Order and OSPB plan here.
Governor Polis also signed Executive Order D 2020 054, directing the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to provide additional funds to nursing homes and other congregate care facilities in response to COVID-19.
Difficult legislative decisions ahead

Joint Budget Committee to start meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020 to consider changes to address projected shortfalls

Updated revenue forecast scheduled for May 12, 2020

General Assembly expected to reconvene and start on the Long Bill in the House the week of May 18, 2020

Budget must be passed and signed into law by June 30, 2020

As they become available, HCPF will post our projections, fact sheets and overviews on Colorado.gov/hcpf/legislator-resource-center
Other HCPF Executive Director Updates

- HCPF service centers are still running at target performance
- Elective Procedures are beginning this week and next
  - PPE - Collaborate/Help Nursing Homes, ALFs as a priority
  - Help us understand emerging volume against limits (50/80%)
- Congregant Settings Strike Force (NH, ALF, Host Homes, Other)
- Alternate Care Sites Update
- Other
SCOTUS Pending Decision on Title VII

• On April 22, 2019, the US Supreme Court agreed to hear three cases testing the reach of Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act in protecting LGBTQ Americans from discrimination in employment.

• The cases included Altitude Express v. Zarda, Bostock v. Clay County, Georgia, and R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC and Aimee Stephens.

• The Court heard oral arguments on all three cases on October 8, 2019 and is expected to announce a decision on the case in the near future.

• Seeking your collaboration.
Questions for Kim?
Update

- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
- Survey Priorities
- Isolation Plan Submissions
- HEMSD COVID-19 Blog
## Residential Settings Strike Force Update

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<td>➢ Deploy <strong>strategic testing</strong> to decrease asymptomatic spread&lt;br&gt; ➢ Require <strong>Symptom Monitoring</strong> where cohorting or no COVID+&lt;br&gt; ➢ Deploy <strong>Rapid Response Team</strong> for positive or presumed cases</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Protective Equipment</strong></td>
<td>➢ Identify and document <strong>PPE shortages</strong>&lt;br&gt; ➢ Move distribution of PPE for these settings to the state</td>
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<td>➢ Issue <strong>aggressive guidance</strong> on cohorting&lt;br&gt; ➢ Develop <strong>metrics</strong> for effective monitoring&lt;br&gt; ➢ Create <strong>COVID+ only facilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Enforcement &amp; Education</strong></td>
<td>➢ Document, distribute, and monitor use of <strong>best practices for infection control</strong>&lt;br&gt; ➢ Increase <strong>enforcement</strong>&lt;br&gt; ➢ Develop <strong>infection control/TA within Rapid Response Team</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Staffing Implementation Plan</strong></td>
<td>➢ Develop and implement <strong>IT solution to connect providers with staff</strong>&lt;br&gt; ➢ Issue <strong>cross-agency guidance</strong> on staffing flexibility</td>
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LTC Frontline Staff Training Webinars

- Sparkling Surfaces
- Clean Hands
- Closely Monitor Residents
- Keep COVID-19 Out!
- PPE Lessons

Flexibility in Service Delivery
What CAN You Do?

Service Providers are allowed and encouraged to continue to provide services in alternative locations and/or use technology to ensure continuity of service to meet the member’s needs. When needed services may be provided face to face.

Examples:

- **Respite:** Have a respite provider take a single member on a drive to get out of the house or stay with the member at home while the family takes a drive.

- **Movement Therapy:** May be provided via video conferencing.

- **Community Connector:** Services may be provided by legally responsible person, i.e., parent.

Link: OM 20-046
Children/Youth with Complex Needs

- Working with Department of Education, providing resources and technical assistance (TA)
- Case management trainings (April 7 and April 8, 2020), FAQs and ongoing TA
- Arc hosting brainstorming session, HCPF joining
- Providing direct assistance with provider enrollment and expedite where possible for interested providers

JFK Partners [Resource List Specific for Individuals with I/DD and ASD and their Families](#)

Parents Ask the Providers: [Transition to Home During COVID-19](#) (JFK Partners free webinar)

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
8-9 PM MST

Email Michele Craig with additional resources to share: [Michele.Craig@state.co.us](mailto:Michele.Craig@state.co.us)
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<td>Will launch first for nursing facilities, assisted living and residential care facilities</td>
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<td>Future capability for hospitals, home care, direct support professionals, personal care attendants (self-directed), hospice and home health</td>
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All COVID-19 related Memos can be found here: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-covid-19-response
### Previous Guidance

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New Questions?
REMINDER: The National COVID-Ready Caregiver Certificate Training Program for Frontline Staff

- Provides practical guidance to staff about how to keep themselves and those they care for safe
- Topics include: infection control practices, personal protective equipment, changes to health and safety practices, and tips for managing stress and anxiety
- Draws on current CDC and WHO recommendations and guidance
- Features key experts in healthcare and long-term care

https://covidcert.nextstep.careers/
Available for limited time for only $5 per frontline staff member
(Must Register by TOMORROW - May 2, 2020)

Use code COCOVID5 (select ‘Click here to enter discount code’ on the enrollment page)

If you are unable to afford the training fee, please send an email to HCPF_DCworkforce@state.co.us
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Local Public Health Agencies
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/COVID
Reminder: Personal Protective Equipment

If you or your organization are experiencing a shortage or outage of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) to conduct essential or life saving functions during this crisis, please reach out to your local emergency manager or local public health department.

Find Your Local Community Emergency Manager
Find Your Local Public Health Department

To report issues in obtaining PPE please notify:

Sadie Martinez
Access and Functional Needs Coordinator
Office of Emergency Management
720.610.1691
sadie.martinez@state.co.us
Next Steps
Thank You!