



## Children's Disability Advisory Group Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 9th from 10:00-12:00  
Colorado Department of Public Health & Education  
4300 Cherry Creek South Dr.  
Denver, CO 80246

### Present for the meeting:

Candace Bailey, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Dennis Roy, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Candace Holte, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Colleen Daywalt, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Beverly Hirsekorn, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Ana Bordallo, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Allicia Maestas, Developmental Disabilities Resource Center  
Emily Roche, Firefly Autism  
Jennifer Brodis, CO Access  
Jose Torrez, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition  
Sam Murilo, Family Voices (on the phone)  
Jeremy Oat, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (on the phone)

### Affordable Care Act (ACA) Presentation by Colleen Daywalt from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

- Colleen began the presentation with an update and discussion of the ACA implementation in Colorado.
  - **Please Note:** the slides from Colleen's presentation have been distributed via email and are available from the Department upon request.
- **Concern:** Finding middle income family that cannot afford private insurance, but do not qualify for Medicaid. The opinion was voiced that in some circumstances, it is more cost effective to families to accept the fines.
- **Question:** Regarding Qualifying Life Events, is there a process for applying for an extension to the 30 day open enrollment period that follows a qualifying life event?
  - **Follow up:** Colleen spoke with Connect for Health and there is not a formal policy for filing for an extension. Individuals are encouraged to contact Connect for Health on a case by case basis.
- **Question:** What is the contact Information for the Department of Insurance (DOI) Consumer Affairs Division?
  - **Follow Up:** This Division can be contacted via: <http://cdn.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DORA-HealthIns/CBON/DORA/1251627608461>

- **Question:** Who is training the county technicians? Are they being trained by the Federal level or the Department? The concern is inconsistencies between counties regarding implementation, specifically around eligibility.
  - **Response:** There has not been any Federal guidance toward training county technicians. the Department will be issuing follow up technical assistance to counties beginning this through and continuing through October.
  - **Additionally:** These training are made public and are accessible at <http://www.colorado.gov/health> and <http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf>
- **Comment:** Co-payments are now required to be put towards a person's deductible.
  - **Note:** Foster Children should not be paying copayments.

Eligibility Discussion:

- **Question:** Can families choose to opt-out of CHP+ or Medicaid?
  - **Response:** Yes. Families in this situation should contact their respective county Department of Human Services and request their case be closed.

Other Discussion:

- The Peak Inbox will soon have the application for applying for retroactive Medicaid.
- Children with Autism Waiver (CWA): It was recently discovered that not all CWA providers are qualified to provide the newly required assessments. The Department is currently working with these individual providers on possible solutions. A solution may be that the individual provider contracts with an entity that is qualified to perform the assessment. Case managers are encouraged to work with providers on finding a qualified person and to keep the program administrator informed of any current cases facing this issue.
- HIMAT & CWA – Discussion of the interaction between the private insurance mandate and the waiver.
  - The waiver cannot be used to cover co-payments. Medicaid clients are only exempt from provider co-payments if the service rendered is a service covered under Medicaid State Plan benefits (for example, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy). For all services that are not a part of the State Plan benefit package a provider *may* charge the client/family for the co-payment. Candace is working on getting the regulation out to the group.

Next Meeting:

- Request for the most recent data from the PAT.
- Request to have Meredith comes to speak about the Personal Care Benefit & revised tool.

Other Resources:

- To submit a question regarding the ACA email: [ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us](mailto:ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us)

- Adult Dental Benefit:
  - [ACA News April 3, 2014](#)
  - [Adult Medicaid Dental Benefit Provider Frequently Asked Questions](#)
  - [Adult Medicaid Dental Benefit and PETI Frequently Asked Questions for Providers & Nursing Facilities](#)
  - [Adult Medicaid Dental Benefit Fact Sheet](#)
  - [Adult Medicaid Dental Benefit and PETI Frequently Asked Questions for Clients](#)
- All ACA Partner Resources can be found at: [Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources](http://Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources)
- [Former Foster Care Youth Medicaid Eligibility FAQs](#)
- [12 Month Eligibility for Medicaid and CHP+ FAQ](#)
- Consumer website featuring content from HCPF, DHS, CDPHE, DOI and Connect for Health CO
  - [Colorado.gov/Health](http://Colorado.gov/Health)
- Qualifying life event information from Connect for Health CO
  - [https://connectforhealthco.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/264](https://connectforhealthco.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/264) (what is a qualifying life event)
  - [https://connectforhealthco.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/651](https://connectforhealthco.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/651) (timeframe for enrollment)
- Division of Insurance Consumer Affairs information:
  - <http://cdn.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DORA-HealthIns/CBON/DORA/1251627608461>