



## COLORADO

Department of Health Care  
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**To:** All Stakeholders

**From:** John Barry, Stakeholder Relations Manager  
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**Date:** December 28, 2017

**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
January 1, 2018 Co-Pay Increases

**Purpose:** To inform all stakeholders of changes to some the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) co-pay amounts effective January 1, 2018.

**Background:** In accordance with Colorado [Senate Bill 17-267](#), the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing has made changes to some the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) co-pay amounts effective January 1, 2018. Co-pays are a small amount of money Health First Colorado members must pay for their covered care or services.

Members who do not pay co-pays, such as children, pregnant women, qualifying former foster care youth, American Indians and Alaska Natives will not be affected.

Starting January 1, 2018

- Outpatient hospital visit co-pay is increasing from \$3 to \$4
- Non-emergency ER visit co-pay is increasing from \$3 to \$6
- Generic drug co-pay is increasing from \$1 to \$3 per prescription for both new and refill prescriptions (Note: Some prescriptions never have a co-pay, including prescriptions to help Health First Colorado members quit smoking.)

**Information:** For more information, visit [HealthFirstColorado.com/copay](http://HealthFirstColorado.com/copay). Guidance and resources for providers and pharmacies can be found in the [Department's Provider Bulletin](#) and at [CO.gov/HCPF/InterChange-Resources](http://CO.gov/HCPF/InterChange-Resources).

