



**COLORADO**

Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

## County Incentives Program

### *Frequently Asked Questions for Financial Officers*

#### **What is the county incentives program?**

The program was authorized by a budget supplemental in 2013 to repurpose a percentage of county administration funding to allow the Department to create benchmarks for certain areas of county performance. The first year of the program, FY 2014-15, \$2.8 million in funding was available.

#### **What were the incentives for SY 2014-15?**

The Department, working with county partners, identified four incentives: timeliness of applications and redeterminations (95% timely), backlog of applications and redeterminations (based on county size), collaboration with local partners, and developing a process and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the county's local correctional facility for newly released inmate eligibility determinations.

#### **What changed for FY 2015-16?**

The program evolved, based on the successes of year one and feedback from our county partners, to include five incentives instead of four. The incentives for timeliness, backlog, and collaboration were continued. The incentive for the correctional facility MOU was removed and, Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Program (MEQIP) participation and staff training incentives were added.

#### **Did the amount of the incentives change from FY 2014-15 to FY 2015-16?**

Funding for the county incentives program increased from \$2.8 million in FY 2014-15 to \$4.3 million in FY 2015-16.

#### **How much can each county earn?**

Incentive funding is determined by the incentives the county meets. However, per Federal regulation, a county cannot be reimbursed above its local share.

#### **What can counties do with the funds they earn from the incentives program?**

Funds earned through the incentives program are unrestricted. Any county earning incentive funds can use them per the discretion of the county.

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