



COst Assist Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Program Purpose

To help meet the needs of people affected by HIV/AIDS by providing efficient payment to providers of the member responsibility portion of medical claims for eligible program clients. (Program will cover medical co-pays, deductibles and coinsurance.)



COst Assist Program Contractual Relationships

State of
Colorado
Department of
Public Health
and
Environment

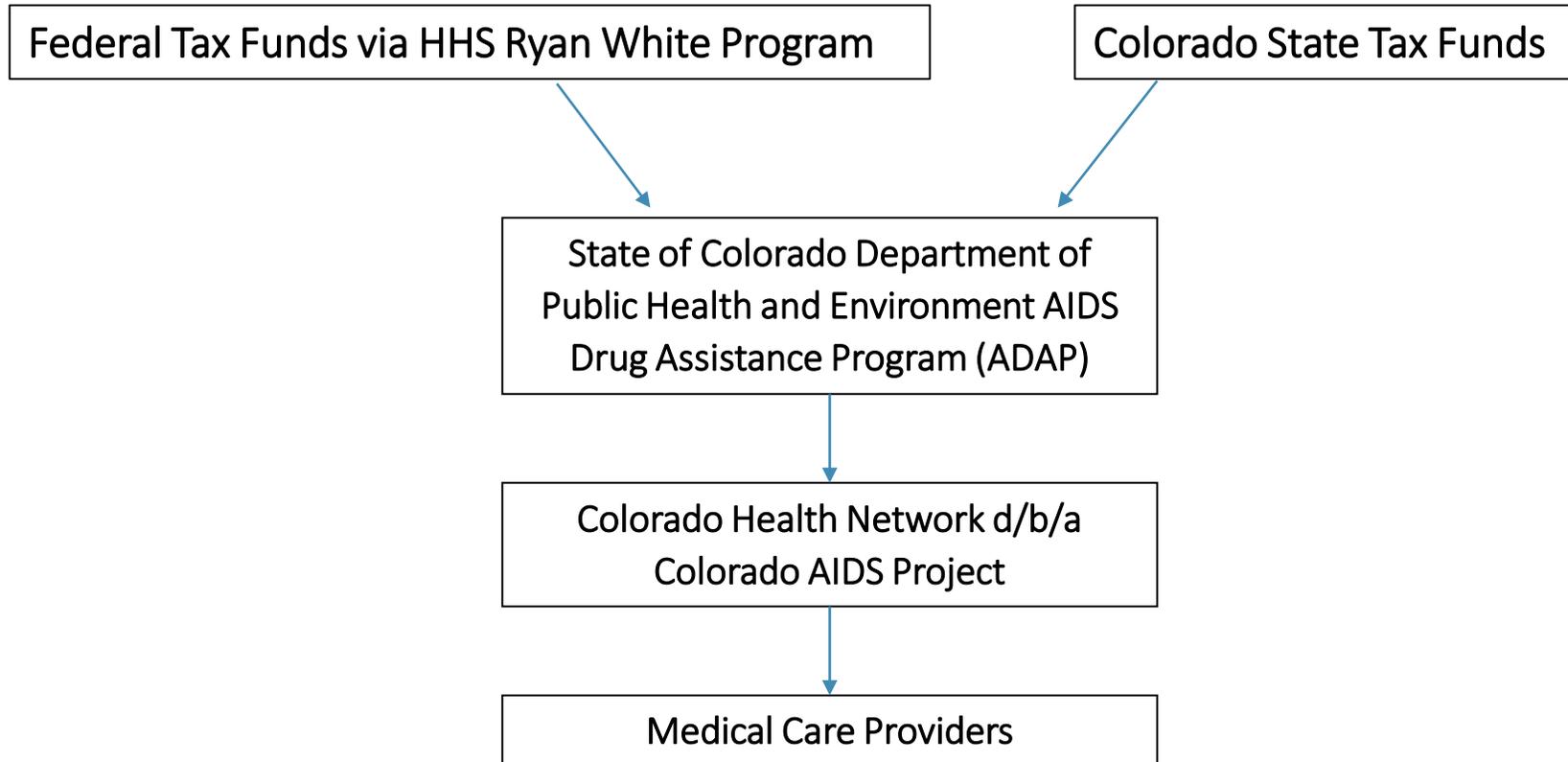
contracts with

Colorado
Health
Network (dba
Colorado AIDS
Project)

contracts with

CNIC Health
Solutions
(Third Party
Administrator)

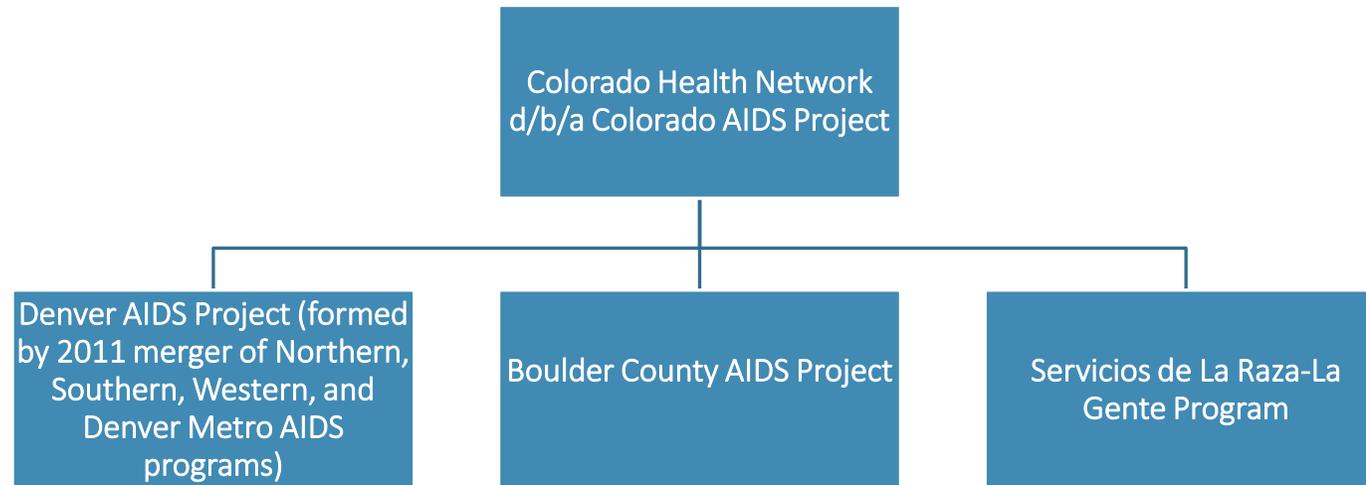
COst Assist Program Funds Flow



Services Provided by Colorado AIDS Service Organizations

Services available to clients:

- Enrollment in ADAP and COst Assist programs
- Case management
- Mental health and substance abuse counseling
- Housing/financial assistance
- Food banks
- Oral health care
- HIV/HCV testing



ADAP Compared to COst Assist



How Does COst Assist Differ from Current Rx and Medical Payment Assistance Programs?

- COst Assist does NOT change current drug assistance programs
 - Drug assistance programs continue to be administered by Ramsell
 - No changes to current RX processes
 - No changes to payments for injectibles, IV drugs, formularies, etc

COst Assist vs. Current Eligibility

- More clients/patients will be eligible for COst Assist
 - Current medical cost assistance program only available to clients/patients with Exchange or private insurance
 - COst Assist also available to Medicare and Medicaid clients/patients



COst Assist vs. Current Claim Process

- New claim submission process
 - Currently, clients / patients must submit their own secondary claims to CHN for reimbursement. Many claims are delayed or never submitted, resulting in Accounts Receivable issues and write-offs for providers.
 - Under COst Assist, participating providers will submit secondary claims directly to CNIC via EDI.
- New claim payment process
 - Currently, CHN reimburses all providers via check.
 - Under COst Assist, participating providers will sign up with CNIC to receive one ACH payment per month, with an 835 Electronic Remittance Advice available for automatic posting of payments to many provider billing systems.

Additional Communications

- Eligibility Criteria and General Program Protocols (available May 4, 2015)
- Provider Submission of Electronic Claims to CNIC Health Solutions (available early May 2015)
- Provider Enrollment for Electronic/ACH Payment from CNIC Health Solutions (available early May 2015)
- Frequently Asked Questions (available May 2015, updated periodically)

Resources for Questions on COst Assist and ADAP Programs

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