Policy Advisory Committee Update

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Fraud Agency Letters

The Department has issued two Agency Letters on Fraud:

The purpose of this agency letter is to notify County staff of the standard process for coding intentional program violation recoveries and terminations.

The purpose of this agency letter is to advise Counties of new Department requirements for fraud reporting.

Federal Criminal Background Check

On May 1, 2018, DXC Technology will begin mailing official requests for fingerprint submissions from providers enrolled in a provider type with ‘high’ categorical risk.

Providers must send their fingerprints by June 1, 2018 or face termination of their enrollment.

Providers cannot fingerprint themselves; fingerprints must be obtained from a law enforcement agency. Providers should contact their local law enforcement agencies to verify the agency has fingerprinting services available and to identify the associated cost.

Once the fingerprint card has been completed, mail the completed card(s) to:
DXC Technology
Attn: Provider Enrollment - Fingerprinting
P.O. Box 30
Denver, CO 80201

Original Applicant Fingerprint Cards must be sent directly to DXC for processing. Photocopies, faxes, emails and electronic versions of the Applicant Fingerprint Card will not be accepted.

**Original Applicant Fingerprint Cards are currently being accepted.** You may send your original Applicant Fingerprint Card at any time. All original Applicant Fingerprint Cards must be sent by June 1, 2018.

For more information, refer to the Federal Criminal Background Check Frequently Asked Questions.

**Notification of Changes to HCBS Children’s Extensive Support Waiver Benefits**

[Read the full Communication Brief here.](#)

With the availability of Personal care, Pediatric Behavioral Services, and Vision therapies under Health First Colorado state plan benefits, personal care, behavioral services and vision services will be removed from the CES waiver. The Department will amend the CES waiver to remove these services from the CES waiver. The waiver amendment process includes opportunity for public comment. The Department will provide public notification of the intent to amend in the Spring of 2018.

If you have questions, please contact Sheila Peil at Sheila.Peil@state.co.us or 303-866-5156

**Behavioral Therapy Update for Providers**

[Read the full communication brief here.](#)

Recently through our ongoing partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department and CMS clarified that members receiving behavioral services through a waiver must transition to Pediatric Behavioral Therapies as soon as a provider is available.

**If you are currently a waiver provider and an approved Pediatric Behavioral Therapies provider, then you must transition waiver behavior services to**

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Pediatric Behavioral Therapies immediately unless an extension has been approved on a case by case basis.

To prevent a gap in services, if you are not authorized to provide Pediatric Behavioral Services and do not plan to become a provider, you will need to assist members to transition to a provider who is authorized to provide Pediatric Behavioral Services. Due to the number of children and youth who will transition prior to June 30, 2018 you are encouraged to complete this transition as soon as possible rather than waiting until June.

County Health Rankings

The ninth annual County Health Rankings are now live! Get started today by searching for your county or state.

Go to your county’s snapshot to see updated rankings and new data for all the measures we track. Be on the lookout for new features, including:

- Updated data on the Leading Causes of Death – select the icon next to the “Premature death” measure in your snapshot to see updated values.
- Easy-to-find demographic breakdowns – for selected measures (such as Diabetes monitoring, Mammography screening, Children in poverty, Median household income, and Driving alone to work, and more), click on the county value for the measure to see a breakdown by racial/ethnic groups.
- New trend graphs for our Uninsured measures – we’ve added graphs that show you changes over time for our Additional Clinical Care Measures; see those in your county’s Snapshot.

For more information, read the news release here.

Legislative Session Update

Our first Department agenda bill this session, SB18-093, has been signed by the Governor. Two other Department bills, HB18-1326 (cost savings through transition services and community living) and HB18-1328 (redesign of the Children’s Habilitation Residential Program waiver) were sponsored by the Joint Budget Committee and have been sent to the Governor for signature.

The Department has one other bill on its legislative agenda this session:
- Align Managed Care Statute with Federal Regulations

CBMS Transformation

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This month features an image that closely resembles what the Application Initiation home page will look like in the updated CBMS end-user interface.

The left-hand margin of the newsletter provides links that will allow you to learn more about CBMS Transformation:
- **CBMS Transformation** – Link to the Transformation page in the CBMS Community on the Portal. Learn about Transformation objectives, benefits, scope, and much more.
- **Transformation Calendar** – View the scope of meetings being held to shape the new User Interface.
- **Questions? Comments? Suggestions?** – Contact us at CBMS.Liaison@state.co.us.

**Accountable Care Collaborative Phase II: Update**

The next iteration of the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) is scheduled to begin July 1, 2018. The goals of the next phase are to improve member health and reduce costs.

The Department continues to prepare for the implementation of the next phase of the ACC and is working hard to ensure a smooth transition of the program. For a timeline of the Department's major activities related to Phase II, visit CO.gov/HCPF/ACCPhase2.

New webinars and fact sheets, including contracting guidance, have been made available on CO.gov/HCPF/ACCPhase2.

Additionally, interested parties can submit their questions to the Department using this form on CO.gov/HCPF/ACCPhase2. The Department will not be able to respond directly to all inquiries but will use the questions submitted to tailor upcoming communications and resources.

**Update from State Innovation Model**

**RHCs help the homeless**

Three regional health connectors (RHCs), which are 70% funded by the Colorado State Innovation Model, helped bring vital screenings to vulnerable residents in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties this past winter. Blood pressure screenings were among the many services that Tri-County Health Department provided to homeless individuals during the annual Point in Time Survey in the metro Denver area, thanks to the work of RHCs Meghan Prentiss, Kaitlin Wolff and Laura Don. Read the full story here.

This is just one example of how RHCs connect public health, human services,
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Rolling out the SIM eCQM extraction service

Colorado State Innovation Model (SIM) practices be the first to test a service that automatically extracts electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) from electronic health records (EHRs) in June and July. This technical and operational platform will extract eCQMs from EHRs once and report them to different approved entities, a task that is frequently cited as a barrier to success with alternative payment models. Learn more about this exciting work by listening to a new episode of the SIM podcast series, Innovation Insights.

Department Contacts:

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HCPFCountyRelations@state.co.us
www.colorado.gov/hcpf/county-admin

Helpful Links:
County Incentive Program Information
County Grant Program Information
Premiums, Expenditures, Caseload Reports
Future of CHP+ Page
HCPF Publications
Staff Development Center