

Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors Implementation Timeline

Senate Bill (SB) 14-180 creates the “Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors” under the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). SB 14-180 ends the current Old Age Pension (OAP) Dental Grant program administered by the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) as the target population now has publicly funded dental benefits through Medicaid and the OAP Health and Medical Care Program. SB 14-180 transfers the program to HCPF, changes the target population to low income seniors who are not eligible for dental services under any other dental health care program, and changes how the program is operated to a traditional grants-based structure.

Approximate Date	Task
August 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPF Executive Director appoints advisory committee
September – November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Committee begins meeting to develop application criteria, rules, policies and procedures • Advisory Committee finalizes application form, criteria, any needed policies, and draft rules • HCPF issues public notice of proposed rule making • HCPF holds public rule review meeting
December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Services Board emergency adoption of rules
January 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Services Board final adoption of rules • HCPF releases application form • Applicant agencies notice HCPF of intent to apply
February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPF holds pre application conference with applicant agencies • Applicant agencies submit grant applications to HCPF • HCPF reviews grant applications
March/April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPF issues award notification • Applicant agencies submit appeals to HCPF • HCPF issues appeal decisions
July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPF executes contracts with grantees • Permanent FTE is transferred from DPHE to HCPF after completion of phase-out of existing program