



COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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Dear Mr. Kurtz:

Enclosed please find a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the Health Care Policy and Financing expenditures and caseload for Medicaid and the Children's Basic Health Plan pursuant to FY 2012-13 Legislative Request For Information #1:

"The Department is requested to submit monthly Medicaid expenditure and caseload reports on the Medical Services Premiums and mental health capitation line items to the Joint Budget Committee, by the fifteenth or first business day following the fifteenth of each month. The Department is requested to include in the report the managed care organization caseload by aid category. The Department is also requested to provide caseload and expenditure data for the Children's Basic Health Plan, the Medicare Modernization Act State Contribution Payment, and the Old Age Pension State Medical Program within the monthly report."

The data contained in this month's Medicaid expenditure and caseload report is reflected as of January 31, 2013, coinciding with the close of Period 7 in the Colorado Financial Reporting System. The current report contains a separate worksheet for Medical Services Premiums expenditures by service category and Medicaid caseload data by eligibility category, which includes the monthly and over-the-year growth rates. Year-to-date caseload averages for clients in risk-based managed care organizations, non-risk based managed care organizations, and the Primary Care Physician Program appear in the Medicaid caseload worksheet. Beginning in FY 2012-13, the Department is reporting on the number of clients enrolled in the Accountable Care Collaborative. This count is based on capitations paid to a Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO) for the month of service, and does not include clients who have been attributed to a RCCO but for whom a capitation has not been paid.

Children's and prenatal caseload for the Children's Basic Health Plan decreased substantially in January 2013 from December 2012 caseload. The decrease in children's caseload was largely due to the implementation of SB 11-008 in January 2013. This legislation increased Medicaid eligibility for children aged six to 19 with family income from 101% to 133% of the federal poverty level and resulted in movement of newly eligible children from CHP+ into Medicaid. Caseload for the Eligible Children category of Medicaid increased accordingly. The decrease in prenatal caseload was largely due to the implementation of SB 11-250 in January 2013. This

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legislation increased Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women with family income from 134% to 185% of the federal poverty level and resulted in movement of newly eligible pregnant women from CHP+ into Medicaid. Caseload for the Baby Care Program-Adults category of Medicaid increased accordingly.

This report also includes caseload and expenditure data for the Old Age Pension State Medical Program and the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) State Contribution Payment. Please note that the Department has not yet received a report from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding this month's MMA caseload; in order to avoid further delaying this report, the Department is submitting it without MMA caseload.

In addition to the information requested in Legislative Request For Information #1, the Department is including Medicaid Mental Health expenditure and caseload by Behavioral Health Organization pursuant to the FY 2008-09 Legislative Request For Information #26:

"The Department is requested to provide recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2008 on whether greater budget accuracy would be achieved if caseload and capitation payments were estimated and tracked for each Regional Behavioral Center. In developing their recommendations, the Department will note any additional administrative costs associated with changing systems to track caseload data in this manner and to compile and report on the data."

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Block at (303) 866-4116.

Sincerely,



Josh Block
Budget Director