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CICP AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

The CICP will continue to exist and no changes are planned at this time. A majority of current CICP clients will qualify for other coverage in 2014, and stakeholders agree CICP providers should seamlessly transition potentially eligible CICP clients into Medicaid.

CICP clients rated prior to October 1, 2013, can continue to be on CICP. When these clients are re-rated in 2014, the provider can screen for Medicaid eligibility at that time.

Effective October 1, 2013, new applicants or current clients reapplying for CICP, which are at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Limit (Level E rating), will receive a December 31, 2013 end-date and should be instructed to apply for Medicaid. Applicants should be provided the [“Why Medicaid?”](#) and [Short-Term Rating letter](#).

CICP applicants that are above the 133% Federal Poverty Limit (Level F rating), should receive a rating for a full year. These applicants should be given [“Why Health Insurance.”](#)

CICP providers cannot deny services to CICP clients who refuse to purchase health insurance in 2014. Providers may create their own form for clients to sign indicating that they have chosen not to purchase health insurance.

Those clients currently on the Adults without Dependent Children waitlist will continue to receive services from CICP providers until January 1, 2014. These clients will automatically move into a Medicaid slot on January 1, 2014.

The Department is currently revising CICP rules to no longer exempt homeless clients from providing the “verification of denied Medicaid benefits requirement.” All applicants that are eligible for Medicaid on January 1, 2014, must provide a Medicaid denial letter prior to approval for CICP.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)

ACA implementation officially began October 1, 2013. The goal of the ACA is provide affordable insurance for everyone in the country.

ACA implementation questions/suggestion should be directed to Raina.Paisley@state.co.us for inclusion in upcoming issues of [ACA Implementation News](#).

CICP STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Stakeholders review the CICP and make recommendations to the Department related to improving the CICP eligibility process. The forum is comprised of CICP providers, client advocates and Department staff.

The next CICP Stakeholder Forum is Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO, Aspen Conference Room (4th Floor).

Please contact Cindy Arcuri at Cynthia.Arcuri@state.co.us with agenda items by October 25, 2013.



PRIMARY CARE FUND (PCF)

The Primary Care Fund provides an allocation of moneys to health care providers that make basic health care services available in an outpatient setting to residents of Colorado who are considered medically indigent. Moneys allocated are based on the number of medically indigent patients served by one health care provider in an amount proportionate to the total number of medically indigent patients served by all health care providers who qualify for moneys from this fund. Thirty-nine applicant agencies applied for and received the Primary Fund Grant awards in FY 2013-14. Those agencies are listed below:

Provider	Estimated Award Amount	Community Served
Bruner Family Medicine Center	\$263,029.00	Denver Metro
Catholic Health Initiatives-St. Anthony Family	\$81,317.00	Adams County
Catholic Health Initiatives-St. Mary -Corwin	\$176,713.00	Pueblo County
Chaffee People's Clinic	\$97,238.00	Chaffee County
Christian Healing Network-Mission Medical	\$59,211.00	El Paso County
Clinica Campesina Family Services	\$2,088,576.00	Denver Metro
Clinica Colorado	\$432,768.00	Adams County
Colorado Coalition For The Homeless	\$781,719.00	Denver Metro
Commerce City Community Health Services	\$113,291.00	Denver Metro
Denver Health Medical Center	\$5,580,721.00	Denver County
Doctors Care	\$165,133.00	Arapahoe County
Dolores County Clinic	\$71,843.00	Dolores County
Eagle Care Medical Clinic	\$63,159.00	Eagle County
Fort Collins Family Medicine	\$220,134.00	Larimer County
Grace Health Clinic	\$158,686.00	Arapahoe Aurora County
High Plains Community Center	\$302,372.00	Prowers County
Inner City Health Center	\$560,270.00	Denver Metro
La Clinica Tepeyac, Inc.	\$718,561.00	Denver Metro
Marillac Clinic, Inc.	\$652,507.00	Mesa County
Metro Community Provider Network	\$2,508,450.00	Arapahoe County

Provider	Estimated Award Amount	Community Served
Mountain Family Health Center	\$488,295.00	Eagle County
Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	\$172,107.00	Moffat County
Olathe Medical Clinic	\$138,949.00	Montrose County
Open Bible Medical Clinic	\$122,501.00	El Paso County
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	\$2,765,295.00	El Paso County
Pediatric Associates	\$8,158.00	Delta County
Pediatric Associates of Southern Colorado	\$31,448.00	Pueblo County
Plains Medical Center, Inc.	\$312,898.00	Lincoln County
Pueblo Community Health Center	\$989,617.00	Pueblo County
Prowers Medical Center	\$259,082.00	Prowers County
Rocky Mountain Primary Care Clinic	\$14,737.00	Pueblo County
Rocky Mountain Youth Medical	\$301,451.00	Denver Metro
Salud Family Health Center	\$3,395,170.00	Weld County
SET Family Medical Clinics	\$366,583.00	El Paso County
Sheridan Health Services, Inc.	\$55,790.00	Arapahoe County
Summit Community Care Clinic	\$372,504.00	Summit County
Sunrise Community Health	\$1,619,624.00	Weld County
Uncompahgre Combined Clinics	\$46,316.00	San Miguel County
Valley-Wide Health Systems	\$1,202,777.00	Conejos County

CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO

The Connect for Health Marketplace is an open competitive marketplace for small employers, Coloradans who purchase their own insurance, are uninsured, or do not have access to affordable coverage through an employer.

Open enrollment for purchasing health insurance began October 1, 2013, and will continue through March 31, 2014. Policyholders who have paid their premiums by December 15, 2013, will be covered beginning January 1, 2014.

Coloradans can get more information and an estimate of potential financial assistance to reduce costs through the following website: www.ConnectforHealthCO.com or by calling toll free: 1-855-752-6749.

CICP PROVIDERS IN THE NEWS

With dollars received through Primary Care Fund Grant and other funding, Grace Clinic found a way to renovate and move to a new location! The clinic is now located at 3191 South Vaughn Way, Suite 101, Aurora, CO 80014. The beautiful new setting, which was personally decorated by Dr. Belibi and her family, shows the warmth and love put in every inch of the building. The provider now has room to offer additional services to CICP clients. A short list of services offered are primary care for children and adults, immunization, dialysis, dermatology, pharmacy and much more. Patients can enjoy healthy snacks while waiting at the on-site French-Style Café. Clients and patients can contact Grace Clinic at 303-755-4600 or 303-500-1811 for same day appointments. Walk-ins also welcome.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) broke ground on the highly anticipated Stout Street Health Center and Renaissance Stout Street Lofts on January 30, 2013. The new health center replaces the previous Stout Street Clinic, and will be a state-of-the-art facility serving more than 17,000 homeless men, women, and children each year when it opens its doors in April 2014. Additionally, CCH will provide fully integrated medical and mental health care, pediatric care, dental, vision, and substance treatment services.

The new Stout Street Health Center will provide critical housing and healthcare services for low-income residents in the community. The mixed-use development will also include the Renaissance Stout Street Lofts, providing 78 affordable rental apartments

accommodating families, singles, and youth with a variety of incomes. In addition, on-site property managers and social workers will be available to residents for various services.

Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN) completed renovation of the Helena Clinic in Aurora and reopened the facility in May 2013. The health care site provides health care services for the neighborhoods surrounding Colfax Avenue and Chambers Road in Aurora.

On the west side of the metro area, MCPN's new Jeffco Family Health Services Clinic (JFHSC) in Wheat Ridge began seeing patients in June, 2013. Located at the corner of Wadsworth Boulevard and 29th Avenue, this new health care campus allows MCPN to expand its primary care services in Jefferson County by an additional 10,000 patients.

With plans of opening in November 2013, **Sunrise Community Health** will allow the hiring of additional clinicians to meet the growing medical and dental needs in the community. Behavioral health services, provided on-site in collaboration with Touchstone Health Partners, will also be expanded. Additionally, the new space will reduce costs, integrate services, and improve the client experience.

COLORADO HEALTH CENTERS AWARDED \$3.1 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANT MONEY

The awards, issued by the Health Resources and Services Administration, go to 17 state health centers, which operate in 175 sites throughout Colorado. Those centers served approximately 495,000 patients last year, 38 percent of whom were uninsured. With the additional funds, providers are expected to hire workers to help approximately 182,000 Coloradans obtain health insurance coverage.

"This investment will give Colorado neighborhoods and towns one more resource to help people understand their insurance options and enroll in affordable coverage" said Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius.

The health centers CICP providers receiving the Federal Grant money are listed on the next page:

Provider	Community Served	Grant Award
Clinica Campesina Family Services	Lafayette	\$254,053
Colorado Coalition For The Homeless	Denver	\$162,202
Denver Health Medical Center	Denver	\$453,493
Dolores County Health Association	Dove Creek	\$65,611
High Plains Community Center	Lamar	\$90,020
Metro Community Provider Network	Englewood	\$294,466
Mountain Family Health Center	Glenwood Springs	\$128,498
Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	Steamboat Springs	\$77,590
Olathe Medical Clinic	Olathe	\$66,403
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	Colorado Springs	\$310,009
Plains Medical Center, Inc.	Limon	\$91,021
Plan De Salud Del Valley, Inc.	Fort Lupton	\$365,711
Pueblo Community Health Center	Pueblo	\$150,804
Regents of The University of Colorado, The Sheridan Health Services, Inc.	Aurora	\$66,842
Sunrise Community Health	Evans	\$215,607
Uncompahgre Combined Clinics	Norwood	\$65,765
Valley-Wide Health Systems	Alamosa	\$199,096

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Question:** If a client applying for CICIP states that he/she is “separated” and not living with his/her spouse, does the provider need documentation that they are legally separated?
- **Answer:** Yes. If the couple is not legally separated or divorced, they are still legally married and under Colorado law are legally responsible for each other’s medical bills. What applies to recently separated couples would apply to those who have been separated for a long time but not legally. If the applicant can demonstrate to the court he or she is indigent, court costs owed to the state may be waived.
- **Question:** If a patient received medical services prior to enrolling in Medicaid in January 2014, can the provider backdate 90 days?
- **Answer:** Yes. CICIP clients are not eligible for Medicaid covered services prior to January 1, 2014; therefore, the CICIP provider can backdate 90 days from the date of service or date the claim was adjudicated or service was not covered by Medicaid.
- **Question:** How can facilities determine if their facility accepts insurance plans purchased through Connect for Health Colorado?
- **Answer:** The provider should verify what insurance plans are accepted through their billing department. This information is also generally posted to their website.
- **Question:** Are undocumented immigrants eligible for PEAK or Connect for Health Colorado?
- **Answer:** No. All applicants for Medicaid and Connect for Health Colorado must be U.S. Citizens or Nationals, or a Non-Citizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. for the entire enrollment period.
- **Question:** Will lawfully present immigrants under 5 years continue to be eligible for CICIP?
- **Answer:** Yes. Lawfully present immigrants who do not qualify for Medicaid due to not being the country for five years, will continue to be eligible to enroll in CICIP. A Medicaid denial is not needed.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- CICP Correspondence email is currently working; however, providers can continue to send specific inquiries directly to the following staff:
Karen.Talley@state.co.us
Primary Care Fund questions and CICP questions
Matthew.Littlejohn@state.co.us
Provider billing reports and information
Eugene.Advincula@state.co.us
Provider audits and information
- Final FY 2012-13 Data and 1st Quarter FY 2013-14 Data is due October 31, 2013. Inquiries should be directed to Matthew.Littlejohn@state.co.us.
- CICP Provider Audits for providers with fiscal years ending June 30, 2013 are due December 31, 2013. Please note that providers receiving \$1 million or more annually in reimbursement from the CICP must submit an audit performed by an independent auditor. Please refer to 2013-14 CICP Provider manual, Section III, Provider Audit, for guidance.
- If you would like assistance concerning CICP payment information, please contact our Safety Net Accountant, Gina.Decrescentis@state.co.us. She can answer

questions about current and prior payments, EFT Direct Authorization, W-9 forms, or other payment related information. Gina can be reached at 303-866-5718.

- Providers can access CICP information at colorado.gov/hcpf. Click on Providers, then CICP on the left menu and select from the listed topics.
- The phone number 303-866-3513 no longer connects to Medicaid customer service. Clients can reach Medicaid customer service at 1-800-221-3943.

DIVISION UPDATES

The Safety Net Division has reorganized and has a new name. We are now the Special Financing Division and welcome Preston Brown, Blake Heller, Laura Hillenbrand, Matthew Littlejohn and Cynthia Miley to our team. Sadly, Ryan Chrzan has left the Department to pursue other career opportunities.

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