

## Children's Steering Committee (6/26/15)

Issue: Although law and regulations pertaining to EPSDT entitle children to a broad range of benefits and services, including benefits and services not offered through a state plan, many families and some providers are unaware that they can request such benefits and services. More than 500,000 children are currently enrolled in Medicaid in Colorado, and HCPF has reported that approximately 12 children per quarter access EPSDT treatments through the exceptions process. Those numbers suggest low rates of access.

General goal: to explore whether more education on EPSDT treatment and/or supplementary PAR forms or processes might improve access to treatment under EPSDT

### Meeting proposal:

- Present materials on treatment available under EPSDT to provide committee members with the range of information that might be made available to providers and families
- Discuss:
  - o Whether stakeholders see a need for additional education for providers and families
  - o Whether stakeholders see a need for expanded information to be made available on HCPF's website
- Seek input on PARs and access to treatment:
  - o Do stakeholders support the creation of an optional form specific to benefits beyond those provided through the State Plan?
    - If not, do they think that the current forms are adequate?
    - If so, what would that form contain?
  - o Do stakeholders see a need to have such PARs (either PARs using the optional form, or PARs for EPSDT services that use the standard forms) addressed by a dedicated department?
    - If so, is that feasible?