

Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Newsletter



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The Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) is the primary vehicle for delivering health care to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members. Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) are the central component of the ACC and are responsible for promoting members' physical and behavioral health in each of seven regions. The ACC provides the platform from which other health care initiatives can thrive as they better serve members and create value.

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We encourage you to visit the ACC webpage for more resources.

You previously signed up for the ACC Phase II implementation newsletter and we hope you will continue to find these communications valuable. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you can opt-out by using the SafeUnsubscribe link, found at the bottom of this email.

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Featured Announcement

Health First Colorado Mobile App Launched (formerly PEAKHealth)

On Aug. 30, the new Health First Colorado mobile app became available in the Apple App store and Google Play store. Members can download the app directly from the app stores, or by updating their PEAKHealth app. This member-facing app replaces PEAKHealth.

Members can sign into the Health First Colorado app using their PEAK account. Members can use the app to:

1. See if their coverage is active.
2. Learn about benefits.
3. Update their information.
4. Find providers.
5. View their member ID card.
6. Call the Nurse Advice Line, Colorado Crisis Line and Quitline.
7. Pay premiums and enrollment fees (for Buy-In and CHP+ members).

Visit the [Health First Colorado website](#) for more information.

ACC Program Updates

New Legislative Reports Available

On Sept. 1, the Department released three reports relevant to the ACC in response to legislative requests.

The Annual Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) Report for State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was published on Sept. 1 as part of implementation of [House Bill 19-1269](#). The Department contracted with CedarBridge Group to assess its compliance with federal and state mental health and substance use disorder parity laws. CedarBridge gathered stakeholder input related to mental health parity to design the analyses and inform the Department's annual report. Read the full [Behavioral, Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorder Parity Comparative Analysis Report](#) to see findings.

Senate Bill 19-222 required the Department to determine the most appropriate strategy for ensuring **inpatient services are available to adults with serious mental illness**. The Department contracted with Health Management Associates (HMA) to provide an analysis of the federal authorities available for securing federal financial participation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for adults with serious mental illness who require stays in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). The Department's report provides a summary of the federal options, the implementation considerations, and the Department's assessment and strategy. Read the full [Senate Bill 19-222 report](#) for more information.

As part of legislative reporting requirements for House Bill 12-1281, the Department submitted **The Accountable Care Collaborative Payment Reform Program Report** for Fiscal Year 2018-19 on Sept. 1. HCPF contracted with the Colorado Health Institute (CHI) to conduct and present the results of the evaluation of the Department's two existing payment reform initiatives: Rocky Mountain Health Plans Prime and Denver Health Medicaid Choice. Read the full [ACC Payment Reform Program Report](#) for financial and quality performance assessments, as well as recommendations to the Department.

Initiatives of Interest

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Benefit Implementation: Information for Providers

In order to receive Medicaid reimbursement for residential and inpatient SUD services in Colorado, providers must be contracted and credentialed with the [Regional Accountable Entities](#). The Department encourages treatment providers to contact the RAEs and [Managed Services Organizations](#) to initiate contracting at this time if they have not already done so. Managed Services Organizations will oversee the reimbursement process for room and board charges associated with residential and inpatient SUD services for Medicaid members.

See the [latest program updates](#) on the Department's website.

Upcoming Meetings

Accountable Care Collaborative Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)
Wednesday Oct. 21
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

More details are on the [PIAC website](#).

Helpful Links & Featured Resources

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[Department's COVID19 Webpage](#)

[Provider and Stakeholder Resource Center](#)

[Member Messaging Center](#)

[HCPF 2018-2019 Annual Report](#)

[Program Improvement Advisory Committee](#)

[Getting Health Care Coverage through Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan Plus](#)

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