



Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Statewide Meeting #2 Notes

November 16, 2020

1. Meeting Overview

The November 16, 2020 Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Statewide Meeting covered the following:

- Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Refresher
- New Assessment and Person-Centered Support Plan Overview
- PCBA Development and Update
- Clinical Hypothetical Study

The slide deck presented is available on the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) PCBA website:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba>.

2. Key Feedback Themes

Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Refresher

- There are concerns about how past utilization will factor into the PCBA.
- The LTSS Assessment should be piloted on a diverse population.
- Stakeholders are concerned with the amount of data and time available.
- Time should be taken to train case managers.
- Members and families should be further informed on the LTSS Assessment before the PCBA is developed.
- Safeguards should be put into place to ensure the PCBA is not utilized as the sole determinant of resource need.
- The State should develop a dispute process.



- Transparency will be key to a successful PCBA.

New Assessment and Person-Centered Support Plan Overview

- The State should inform stakeholders if the PCBA will be replacing the SIS.
- Stakeholders are curious if the PCBA will provide “levels” similar to the SIS.
- Further communication is needed on how the algorithm will be implemented.
- Member goals should be considered in final resource allocation decisions.
- The State should keep detailed metrics on the LTSS Assessments collected and used in PCBA development.
- Stakeholders would like to be provided an output document upon completion of the LTSS Assessment.
- The State should share the outcome of testing the PCBA vs existing tools.
- Information should be provided on who will be completing the new LTSS Assessment.

PCBA Development and Update

- Optumas should communicate how variables are correlated.
- Data validation will be a critical step.
- Stakeholders would like to review relevant literature.
- Analyses should be performed to determine how the PCBA will impact members.

Clinical Hypothetical Study

- LTSS Assessments should be used to develop the PCBA. Hypothetical profiles should not be used.
- The Clinical Hypothetical Study alone cannot develop an accurate hypothesis.
- Optumas should validate that tiers are needed.



Additional Stakeholder Concerns

- Stakeholders would like additional background on the timeline to develop and implement the PCBA.
- Information on how different components of the LTSS Assessment implementation will impact the PCBA development timeline should be provided.

Additional Questions

- The Department and Optumas have addressed contextually appropriate questions on the CO PCBA website (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba>).
 - The FAQ includes questions received via the Google Meeting chat.
- Follow up questions or comments can be shared with the Department or Optumas.
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