

# Stakeholder Implementation Meeting

## SB 24-116 and HB 24-1399

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# Agenda

- Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Updates
- [House Bill \(HB\) 24-1399](#) Rules Update
- Open forum
- Upcoming meeting dates

# Presumptive Eligibility (PE)

- [Senate Bill \(SB\) 24-116](#) expanded PE to new population groups
- Systems updates and changes needed to implement
- Work is in progress
- Rule updates will be coming in the fall

# Current PE

- Populations currently covered by PE:
  - Children under 19
  - Pregnant persons
  - Individuals eligible for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)
  - Individuals eligible for the Family Planning Limited Benefit

# Future PE

- SB 24-116 expands PE to:
  - Parents and Caretakers
  - Adults without dependent children
  - Individuals aged 65 and older with incomes between 133% and 250% of the federal poverty guidelines

# Implementation Updates

- Drafting system changes to the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS)
- Reviewing existing PE site policies and procedures
- Exploring agreements with interested hospitals
- Implementation on track for December 2025



# Questions?



# HB 24-1399 Rules Update

- Sunset of the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) - removal of CICP from other rules in same section (8.900)
- Creation of Hospital Discounted Care Advisory Committee
- Update to include patients at 200% federal poverty guidelines for Primary Care Fund
- New provider qualifications for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment



# DSH Current Rules (through 6/30/25)

- Under [current rules](#), to qualify for a DSH payment a Colorado hospital must meet the federal minimum requirements AND
  - Participate in the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP), OR
  - Be a Critical Access Hospital, OR
  - Be a hospital that must receive DSH payments under federal law, i.e., a Medicaid inpatient utilization at least one standard deviation above the mean or a low-income inpatient utilization rate greater than 25%

# DSH Proposed Rules (beginning 7/1/25)

- To qualify for a DSH payment a Colorado hospital must meet the federal minimum requirements AND
  - Have an approved charity care program, OR
  - Be a Critical Access Hospital or Sole Community Hospital located in a rural county, OR
  - Be a hospital that must receive DSH payments under federal law, i.e., a Medicaid inpatient utilization at least one standard deviation above the mean or a low-income inpatient utilization rate greater than 25%

# Charity Care Requirements

- Charity care program must include:
  - Discounted hospital services for uninsured patients with incomes up to and including 250% of the federal poverty guideline
  - A sliding fee scale with a tiered copayment system with at least three tiers
  - At a minimum include emergency services
  - A policy exempting patient debt from any permissible collection action for those who qualify for the charity care program and those who were not offered screening

# Sliding Fee Scale

- Highest copayment tier below the rates established for Hospital Discounted Care
- Only patient's income and the number of members in the patient's household determine income
- Copayment good for at least one year from the date of income determination
- Payment plans allowed and not exceed the amount and duration established in Hospital Discounted Care

# Rules Timeline

- Public Rule Review Meeting - March 24 @ 9 a.m.
- Medical Services Board
  - Initial rule hearing - April 11 @ 9 a.m.
  - Final rule hearing - May 9 @ 9 a.m.



# Questions?



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# Open Forum

# Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings

- Implementation Meetings
  - April 16, 1:00 - 2:00
  - May 13, 9:00 - 10:00
  - June 17, 1:00 - 2:00
- CICP Advisory Council Meeting
  - April 28, 1:00 - 3:00



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# Thank you!