

CCBHC Monthly Forum

October 29, 2025

Presented by: Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration and
the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Our Missions

BHA

Co-create a people-first behavioral health system that meets the needs of all people in Colorado

HCPF

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.



COLORADO
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Policy & Financing



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What We Do

HCPF:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing administers Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) and other health care programs for Coloradans who qualify.

BHA:

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is the state administration responsible for ensuring all people in Colorado have access to quality mental health and substance use disorder services, regardless of where they live, or ability to pay.

Agenda

- CCBHC Planning Grant Updates
- Subcommittee Work Updates
- Next Steps
- Questions and Discussion

Planning Grant Roadmap

12-month Process	Planning for CCBHC Implementation (January 2025 – December 2025)											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Steering committee(s)	Develop committee(s)		Maintain committees, subcommittees, and partnerships (e.g., state, clinics, associations) with regular meeting cadences, notes, and deliverables to ensure stakeholder and community engagement in the CCBHC demo									
Populations & service areas	Solicit input from focus populations, identify potential CCBHCs & their service areas					Identify population health needs and secure insight from those communities, work with providers to select initial sites and regions they will serve as CCBHCs						
CCBHC training & education	Identify and provide TA needs for providers (e.g., CCBHC-PPS, billing, quality measures) as possible											
Infrastructure for data quality	Identify data collection infrastructure needs and begin processes for quality measurement					Onboard and maintain technology platforms for clinic and state efforts to ensure accurate measurement of quality measures and population health needs						
Assess clinic & community needs	Launch and complete community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments					Assure clinics' community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments are complete, accurate, and aligned for criteria and certification needs						
Scope of Services & Certification	Finalize Scope of Services and activities that will be included in certification & PPS rate				Formalize CCBHC criteria & Create certification process			Work with clinics to meet SAMHSA and state certification criteria, certify clinics, and plan for future certifications				
Establish CCBHC-PPS					Select CCBHC PPS		Establish a CCBHC-PPS system and work with clinics to help calculate a clinic-specific rate			Establish payment operations and review cost reports		
CMS Approval for CCBHC									Prepare to apply for the demonstration in 2026			

Planning to Demonstration Timeline

January 2026 - April 2026

- Continue updated Stakeholder engagement (Jan)
- Submit 223 Demonstration Application (April 1, 2026)

April - June 2026

- If demo awarded, determine acceptance (June)
- Provisionally onboard phase 1 clinics (2-4 centers)

July 2026 - December 2026

- *Demonstration/drawdown begins* (2 quarters)
- Cost report due for next rate cycle (Nov)

January 2027 - December 2027

- *Demonstration/drawdown* (4 quarters)
- Provisionally onboard phase 2 clinics (# of centers TBD)

January 2028 - December 2028

- *Demonstration/drawdown* (4 quarters)

January 2029 - December 2029

- *Demonstration/drawdown* (4 quarters)
- Determine post demo plan

January 2030 - June 2030

- *Demonstration/drawdown ends* (after 2 quarters)



Project Progress

- SAMHSA SPARS report submitted for Quarter 3 Grant data tracking
- Quarter 3 Programmatic Progress Report submitted
- No-Cost Extension Request ready for SAMHSA review
 - would extend planning grant resources through June 2026
 - focus on provider training/TA, rate setting, finalized system preparation



Last Quarter Meeting Plan

- No December meetings
- November Steering Committee 11/17
 - Please plan to attend; this will be the ONE large group meeting of November
- January 26, 2026 - First CCBHC meeting of 2026



Certification Subcommittee

Certification & Provider Readiness

Service Area & DCO Guidance Document

- Service Areas Guidance: Distributed the Service Areas Analysis document to the committee for review.
 - Goal: Clarify how to use service area analysis to inform the required Community Needs Assessment.
- DCO Draft Review: Completed the initial review period for the Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO) draft guidance.



Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO) Key Takeaways

- Stakeholders urged emphasizing the capacity for secure data exchange over mandating full system integration or identical EHR platforms.
- Request to align compliance requirements strictly with existing federal SAMHSA and PPS standards to reduce administrative burden.
- Need to maintain guidance flexibility to support a diverse range of community, rural, and peer-run partnerships.
- Clear recommendation to eliminate or simplify the "No-Cost DCO"

Next Steps and Provider Engagement

Upcoming Next Steps

- Finalize revisions to the DCO document.
- Integrate service area analysis methods into the final Community Needs Assessment toolkit for providers.
- Launch the statewide CCBHC Interest Survey later this week.

PPS Subcommittee

Prospective Payment System

October meeting focused on DCO relationships and PPS guardrails:

- DCO relationships - we compared current CSNP to future CCBHC requirements related to their DCO relationships across billing, cost reporting, and other operational accountabilities
 - Requirements are generally the same, which should facilitate a more seamless transition for future CCBHCs

Prospective Payment System

October meeting focused on DCO relationships and **PPS guardrails**:

- Guardrails - we reviewed existing guardrails in place and guardrails used by other states and similar payment models (e.g., FQHC PPS)
 - This will be an ongoing body of work and will apply to both CCBHC and CSNP PPS payments



Quality Measures Data Management Subcommittee

Quality Measure Data Management

QM Survey had 9 provider responses:

Resulting Recommendations

- Direct database connections wherever possible to reduce provider burden
 - Identify measure-related data in the warehouse
 - Define what is acceptable for each measure
- Create plan if data is not available in warehouse



Questions or Comments?



Next Steps

Next meeting date: November 17, 2025

***IMPORTANT:** This meeting was rescheduled, it will be changed in the meeting series but you most likely will need to manually update your calendars and/or re-register. Tell your friends!

- No December meetings
- 1st 2026 Meeting set for January

Engagement Opportunities

- CCBHC Steering Committee Meeting
- Monthly Subcommittees
 - Certification/Provider
 - Quality Measure and Data Collection
 - PPS & Finance
- Register on the [CCBHC Webpage](#)
- Share feedback here: [Feedback Survey](#)



Resources

HCPF Behavioral Health Benefits Inbox:
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HCPF Websites:
[Behavioral Health](#) (calendar of stakeholder engagements)
[CCBHC](#)
[Newsletters](#)

Federal Updates:
[Understanding Potential Federal Funding Cuts](#)