

2025 Lactation Enrollment Quick Guide

Follow the steps listed to become an approved Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) lactation provider.

Step 1. Acquire a National Provider Identifier (NPI)

- ♦ A Type 1 NPI will be required when registering as an individual lactation provider.
- ♦ A Type 2 NPI will be required when registering as a Lactation/Doula Professional Group.
- ◆ Apply for an NPI through the <u>NPPES website</u>

For questions about NPI contact: customerservice@npienumerator.com

Step 2. Gather Necessary Documents and Information

- ◆ Provider enrollment forms can be found on the <u>Providers Forms web page</u> under the "Provider Enrollment & Updates Forms" heading.
- ♦ Ensure you have all the necessary information available to complete the application.

Step 3. Complete the Application

Once steps 1 and 2 are complete, you can complete the lactation provider application online.

◆ From the "Find Your Provider Type" page (hcpf.colorado.gov/find-your-provider-type), scroll down to find your provider type (Lactation Consultant; Lactation Counselor or Educator; or Lactation/Doula Professional Group) and review

the information in that provider type's section. Then, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Continue to Enrollment Type".

- ◆ From the "Enrollment Types" page (https://enrollment-types) find, review, and download the checklist for your provider type. Then, scroll down and click the "Go to Application" button.
- ♦ Click the "Enrollment Application" link on the left-side of the Provider Enrollment Portal.
- ♦ Follow the prompts to submit the verification documentation needed.

Step 4. Complete Background Check

◆ After submitting your application, it will trigger a request for a background check. You will have 30 days to complete your fingerprinting, and the Application Tracking Number (ATN) will be associated with your Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) report.

Fingerprinting: scroll down the page for more info.

- ♦ Notification of acceptance depends on several factors. If an application is returned to the provider for additional information, a prompt response can prevent further delays. Approval timelines vary based on how quickly the provider submits the requested information and schedules a site visit.
- ♦ Once approved, a notification will be sent to the contact information provided in the enrollment application, confirming the approval. At this point, you will be an approved Health First Colorado provider.
- ◆ To be eligible for reimbursement for services provided to Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) members, all CHP+ providers must contract with a CHP+ Managed Care Organization (MCO). Learn more by visiting https://hcpf.colorado.gov/chp-provider.

Learn more by visiting: hcpf.colorado.gov/lactation-support-service