



## Questions for 4/22 HCPF/CHA/GO meeting on UPL

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Good Afternoon Jeff, Tom, and Ryan,

As you know, the chair has postponed the CHASE Board meeting since our discussions are ongoing, and I know we all hope to come to a resolution on the UPL discussions. We would appreciate covering the below topics/questions during our UPL meeting on Monday, 4/22 at 10 am, and welcome your additional items/questions. Please forward your additional questions to us ahead of the meeting and please think about your answers to the below in the interim so we can have a productive conversation. If we don't get through this entire discussion, glad to get more time on the calendar next week. Thank you. FYI, we are planning on approaching CMS to discuss this opportunity, as you requested.

1. Can you share your thoughts on how additional funds would be distributed from increasing the UPL? Consider and discuss systems, rurals, struggling, safety net, etc.
2. From your perspective, what happens if the state incurs an overpayment? We will share ours and talk through an example. We will also share insights we learned from our contracted consultants.
3. From your perspective, how would the state address (a) Colorado hospitals' return of overpayments in a way that ensures the state General Fund is not impacted and (b) if we are found over the fee limit, with its immediate impact on our federal draw, let's discuss how hospitals would pay the lost federal funds to the state so the General Fund is not impacted.
4. How do you see this UPL decision impacting Medicaid and CHP+ expansion membership financing?
5. If HCPF recommends and the state goes forward with a 100% UPL standard, what happens in a future year if we reach the 6% NPR fee limit but cannot reach 100% UPL?
6. Is the UPL the only target for additional CHASE funds or changes? That insight is critical. If you have other levers you want to pull, we need to understand that concurrently.
7. We should talk about timing, given our deadlines, rules revisions for the 2023-24 CHASE fees and payments, reconciliation before the end of the model year, etc.
8. Since the state cannot increase the prior two years' payments to hospitals that received the maximum amount of DSH payments according to our State Plan, please clarify the CHA request:
  - a. Is it for HCPF to recommend increasing to 100% UPL in 2023-24 and going forward, or is CHA asking for two years retrospectively?
  - b. If the latter, how will the negative impacts to these hospitals that were paid the maximum DSH in prior years be mitigated?

Maximum DSH	2021-22	2022-23
University of Colorado Hospital	X	X
Denver Health Medical Center	X	X

Grand River Health	X	X
Gunnison Valley Health		X
Montrose Regional Health	X	X
Community Hospital		X
St. Mary's Medical Center		X
Yampa Valley Medical Center		X
Medical Center of the Rockies	X	

Thanks

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