

CCBHC Monthly Forum

September 24, 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.



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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
 - Review of Completed Work
- 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 & review cost reports		
CMS Approval for CCBHC									Prepare to apply for the Demonstration in 2026			

Timeline

January-March 2025

- Planning Grant Starts
- Stand up Committees
- Begin Hiring Process

April-June 2025

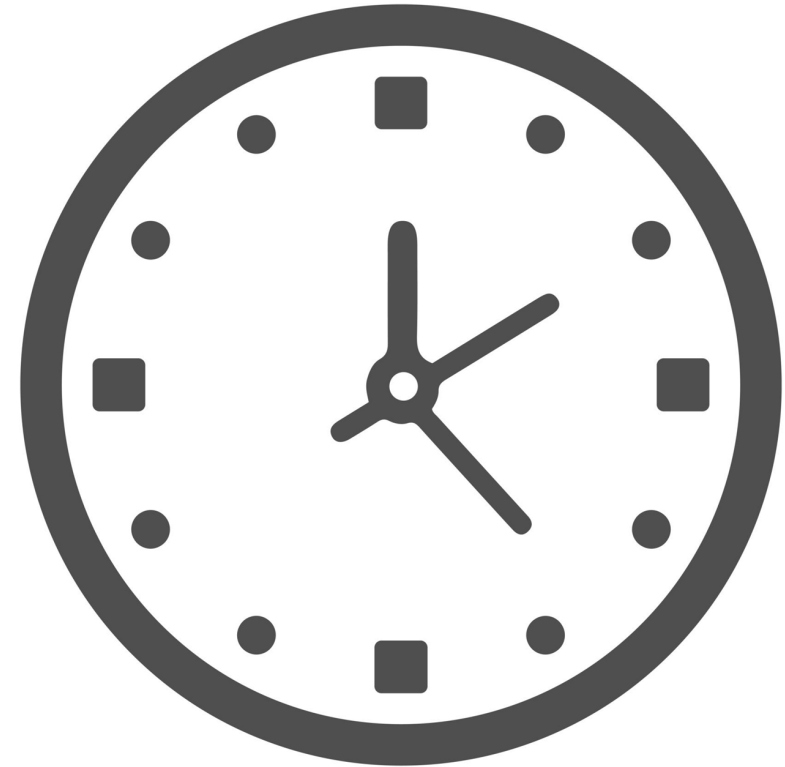
- Onboard Grant Admin
- Begin grant reporting
- Data discovery
- PPS Type Decision

July - September 2025

- Grant reporting
- Committee work

October - December 2025

- Grant reporting
- Provider TTA
- Decide/Request Extension
- Draft Demonstration Application



Major Steering Committee Decisions to Date

Date	Recommendations Approved	Disposition
June 30, 2025	PPS Subcommittee recommendation to adopt the PPS type 1	Accepted (7yea, 0 ney)
August 25, 2025	Certification Subcommittee recommendation to move forward with implementing SAMHSA's 9 required services	Accepted (9 yea, 0 ney)
August 25, 2025	PPS Subcommittee recommendation to adopt a trigger code strategy to match SAMHSA's 9 required services	Accepted (7 yea, 0 ney)



Last Quarter Meeting Plan

- Plan to cancel December meetings
- November Steering Committee will be rescheduled
- Planning grant wrap-up meetings planned for January 2026
 - More information will be available at that time

No Cost Extension

Currently in process of submitting a request for a No Cost Extension for CCBHC Planning Grant work

A No Cost Extension (NCE) is a request to SAMHSA for permission to continue working on the original grant goals beyond the original grant period with no additional funding

PPS Subcommittee

Prospective Payment System

- No meeting in September
- Planning training and technical assistance related to cost reporting.
- Cost reports for interested providers will be due in November
- Future discussions to include PPS guardrails



Quality Measures & Data Management Subcommittee

Quality Measures & Data Management

- Clinic collected measure approaches were covered with QM stakeholders for iServ and SDOH measures.
 - Further feedback on these measures is being collected in a survey.
 - Next month we will propose official guidance and recommendations for both.
- We are working to compile bulletins and to contribute as necessary to FAQ documents.
- Clarity around what measures will be required during demonstration and what measures will be required at Certification was provided



Certification & Provider Readiness Subcommittee



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Certification & Provider Readiness

- Since the last monthly forum...
 - Moving forward with 9 required CCBHC services
 - Started conversations about Designated Collaborating Organizations (DCOs)
 - Building alignment with SAMHSA criteria
- Next Certification Subcommittee is Oct 7 at 2:00 pm



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](#)



Next Steps

- No Cost Extension request will be submitted soon
- Reminder: December meetings will be canceled with a January update planned
- November Steering Committee will be rescheduled
- CCBHC PPS Cost Reports due in November for interested providers



Resources

HCPF Behavioral Health Benefits Inbox:
hcpf_bhbenefits@state.co.us

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

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