

# ACC Phase III Planning

## Aligning RAE and BHASO Regions

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*Program Improvement Advisory Committee*



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# Level-setting

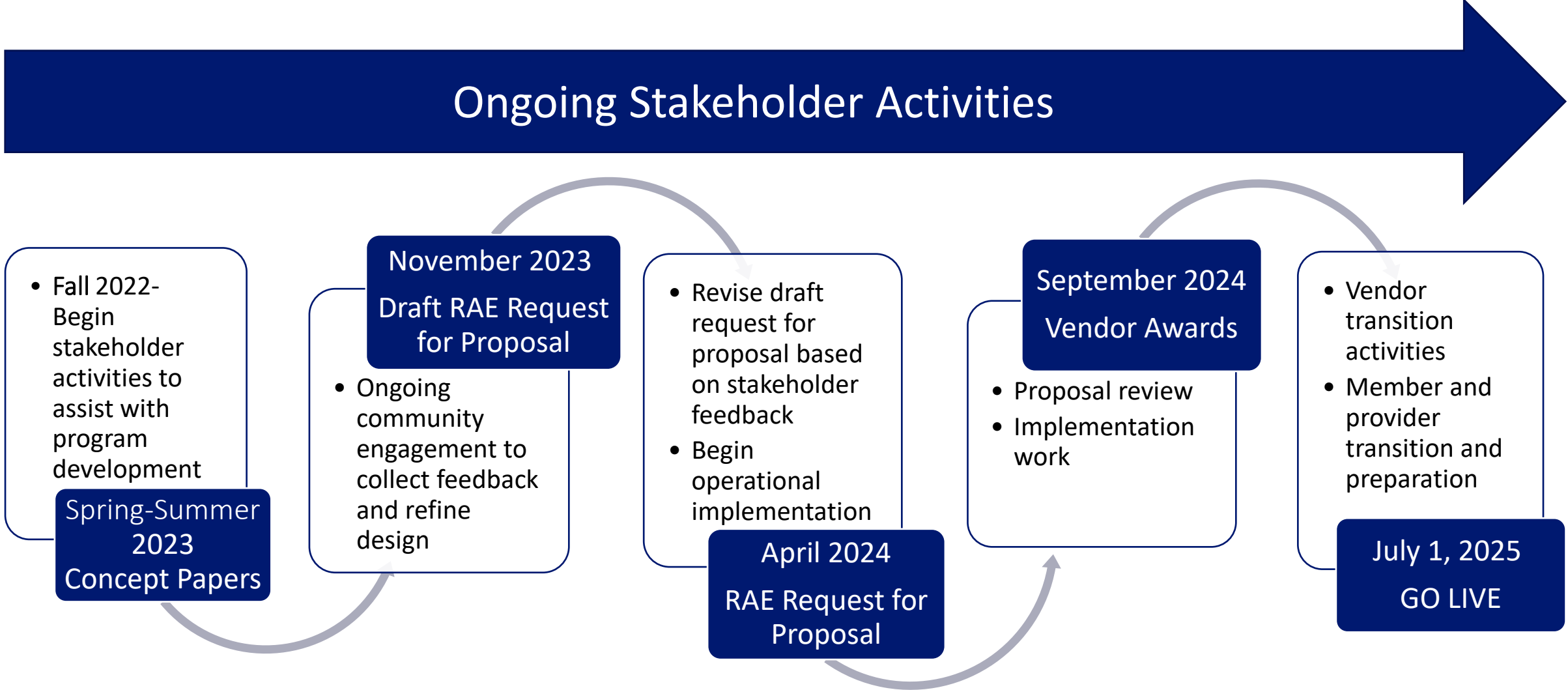
- We will be discussing geographic alignment of the following two entities:
  - **Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs)** – managed by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing; new contracts go live 7/2025
  - **Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations (BHASOs)** – managed by the Behavioral Health Administration; go live 7/2024

# Level-setting

- The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing and the Behavioral Health Administration are committed to being thoughtful about how the RAEs and BHASOs might align. **The shared map is created in that spirit.**
- The final map has not yet been decided.
- We are moving quickly to do our best to support the BHASO timeline for RFP, given their 7/1/24 legislative effective date.

# Timeline

## Ongoing Stakeholder Activities



# Agenda

- Stakeholder Feedback, *Colorado Health Institute (CHI)*
  - Feedback related to alignment
- Current Map Proposal, *Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF)*
  - Background and Guiding Principles
  - Three-Region Proposal for RAEs and BHASOs
- Discussion, *CHI and HCPF*
  - Discussion
  - Note: A [survey](#) will be available for additional feedback

# Stakeholder Feedback

# ACC Phase III Vision for July 2025

## Why: Goals

- ★ Improve quality care for members
- ★ Close health disparities and promote health equity for members
- ★ Improve care access for members
- ★ Improve the member and provider service experience
- ★ Manage costs to protect member coverage, benefits, and provider reimbursements

## What: Priority Initiatives

-  Improved Member Experience
-  Accountability for Equity and Quality
-  Referrals to Community Partners
-  Alternative Payment
-  Care Coordination
-  Children and Youth
-  Behavioral Health Transformation
-  Technology and Data Sharing

## How: Pathways to Success

Simplifying Systems

Incentivizing Better Outcomes

**Stakeholders are supportive of changes that simplify systems through standardization and centralization.**

The Department must still consider ways to promote equity and account for variation by population- and community-based needs. This includes considering what is already working well for specific regions or people.



# Stakeholders hope the ACC will be aligned with the BHA.

- Stakeholders expressed concern about building two entirely separate systems and emphasized that alignment through procedures and geography was important.
- However, the Department recognizes that physical health needs for the Medicaid population may not perfectly align with behavioral health needs.

# Current Proposals and Analysis

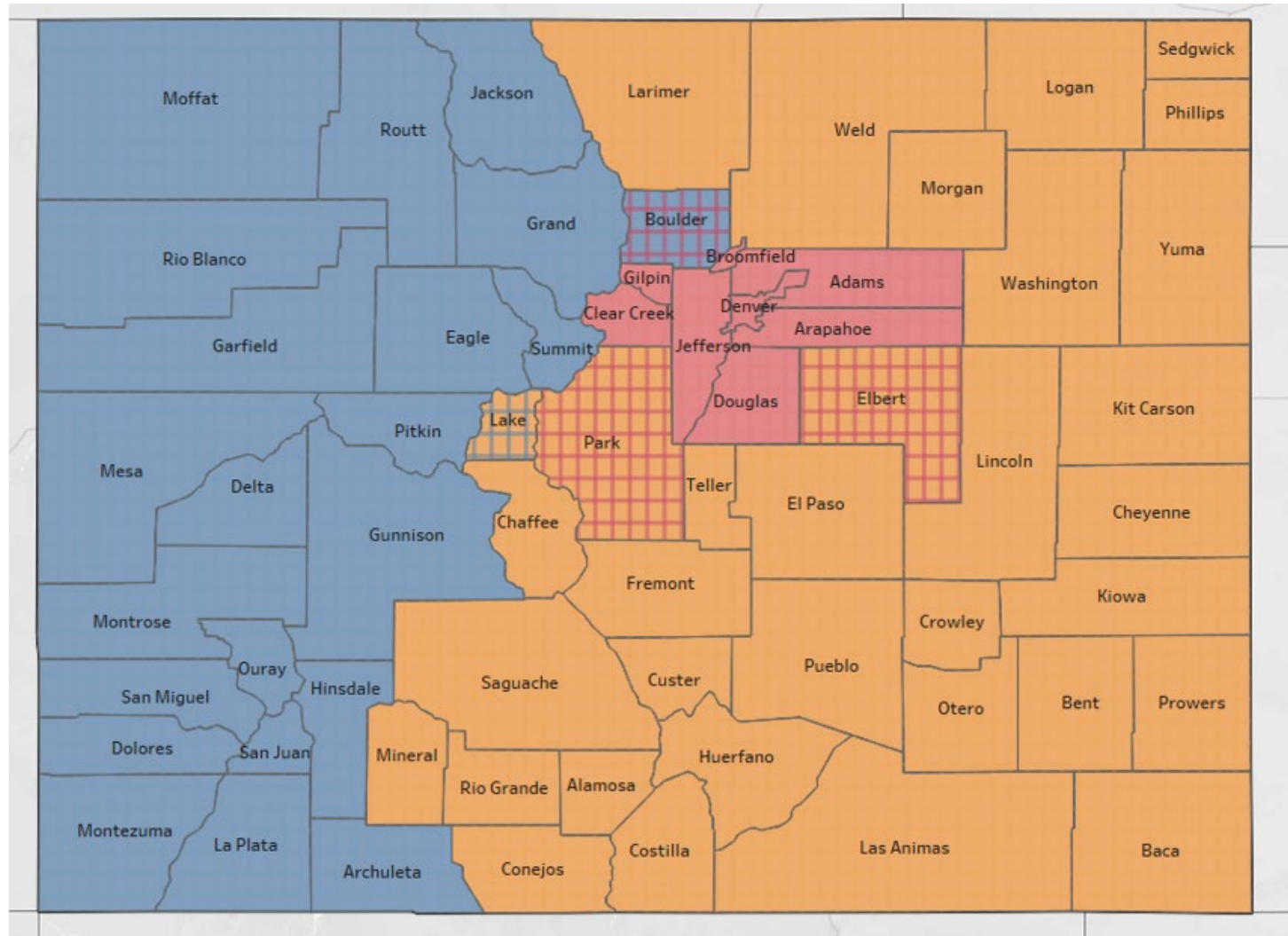
# Guiding Principles

- Ensure populations are large enough to effectively manage risk
  - Include at least 2 population centers
- Support and promote existing member utilization patterns and existing care infrastructure
  - Minimize disruption to providers and Medicaid members
- Support value of community-based care

# Factors Considered

- Geography/number of counties
- Population demographics
- Behavioral health needs
- Continuum of behavioral health services
- Medicaid utilization patterns
  - Utilization in member's home county vs adjacent counties
- Provider networks
- Stakeholder feedback

# Three-Region Proposal for BHASOs and RAEs



- Region 1
- Region 1 or 2
- Region 2
- Region 2 or 3
- Region 3

# Discussion

# Future Considerations

- Understanding how new regional boundaries will impact the number of RAEs and contractual responsibilities
- Considering how to ensure a regional focus on care and access within larger geographic boundaries

# Stakeholder Questions

- What clarifying questions do you have?
- Are there any data points or key considerations that we've missed that should be examined in the process of determining these regions?
- Should any of the regions be further subdivided to have multiple RAE regions?



# Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings

- **Statewide Meetings (Virtual)**
  - [Thursday, April 20](#), 4:00 - 5:00pm
- **Regional Meetings (Virtual)**
  - [Park and Lake](#): April 19, 12:00 - 1:00pm
  - [Boulder County](#): April 25, 5:00 - 6:00pm

*\*Regional meetings were held with Larimer, Weld, and Elbert County stakeholders the week of April 10.*