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# Previous APM Updates

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## *Program Year 2020*

### **October 14**

#### **APM '21 Program Year recommendations in development**

The APM Workgroup completed its series of stakeholder sessions on Oct. 13. (Workgroup session recordings are listed below.) The Department is now reviewing the feedback and developing recommendations for the APM 2021 Program Year. The program design will be reviewed by the Program Improvement Advisory Committee and then communicated ahead of measure selection, which is planned for mid-November. Primary care medical providers (PCMPs) eligible for APM participation will be notified ahead of the measure selection phase. In preparation for measure selection, PCMPs are encouraged to identify their APM program-specific PCMP ID and to identify two contacts for the APM team to connect with throughout the program year. Program updates will be posted on the APM site and communicated to [Regional Accountable Entities](#) and PCMPs.

#### **APM Workgroup Session Recordings**

- Oct. 13: Use passcode 0C&#DnC5 to access the [recording](#)
- Oct. 6: Use passcode 3wLme.cL to access the [recording](#)
- Oct. 2: Use passcode rN60x!FK to access the [recording](#)
- Sept. 25: Use passcode 074JL\*OM to access the [recording](#)

For questions regarding the workgroup, please contact the Colorado Health Institute at [focusgroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:focusgroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org)

### **September 23**

#### **APM Workgroup Meetings Begin Sept. 25**

The APM Ad Hoc Workgroup will review stakeholder feedback and develop recommendations for updates to the APM 2021 Program Year. Workgroup membership is by invitation only, though meetings will be open to the public. The final 15 minutes of each meeting will be dedicated to public comment on any discussion that was conducted during the meeting. Members of the public will not be allowed to comment outside of the public comment period. Workgroup resources can be accessed [here](#). For questions regarding the workgroup, please contact the Colorado Health Institute at [focusgroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:focusgroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org)

### **September 18**

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**APM Workgroup in Development; Express Interest by Sept. 18**

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) and the Colorado Health Institute (CHI) are recruiting participants for the APM Ad Hoc Workgroup. The workgroup will review stakeholder feedback solicited during the September APM Public Listening Sessions and help develop recommendations to inform the APM 2021 Program Year.

The workgroup will include approximately 15 individuals, representing provider organizations, provider associations, regional accountable entities (RAEs), consumer and advocacy groups, and other stakeholders across Colorado. Specifically, the Department and CHI are recruiting providers across disciplines including family medicine, internal medicine, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics.

The workgroup will meet four times, approximately once weekly between Sept. 21 and Oct. 16, 2020. CHI will facilitate the workgroup meetings via Zoom. Contact CHI at [focusgroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:focusgroups@coloradohealthinstitute.org) by Friday, Sept. 18 if you are interested in participating.

**August 31**

**APM 2020 Program Year Adjustment; Update Measure Selection by Sept. 15**

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) recently announced an adjustment to the Alternative Program Model (APM) 2020 Program Year. The program adjustment supports primary care medical providers (PCMPs) with achieving metrics during a performance year impacted by the effects of COVID-19. PCMPs have the opportunity to further adjust their selected measures and take advantage of two new measures – depression screening/follow up and flu vaccination – added to help providers earn additional points. See below a chart outlining the program adjustments.

PCMPs have until Tuesday, Sept. 15 to notify their RAE if they choose to adjust their measure selection. Connect with your RAE contact if you have questions or email [HCPF\\_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us).

Measure Name	Type	Point Value	Notes
Flu Shots, all ages	Claims/CIIS	50	Report at different age breakouts.  Credit is given for 1+% improvement.



Depression Screening & 30-day follow-up, 12+	Claims or eCQM	40	Follow-up can be a virtual visit. Maintain %
Lead Screening	Claims	30	Maintain %
Diabetes HbA1c<9	Claims/Lab data or eCQM	30	Maintain %
Well Visits	Claims	30	Can select which well visit measure is most appropriate to focus on. Maintain %
Immunizations for Adolescents	Claims	30	Maintain %
Childhood Immunizations	Claims or eCQM	30	Maintain %
Pharmacotherapy for COPD	Claims	30	Maintain %
Remove cap on Structural ONLY for the APM 2020 Program Year.			
All practices will have the opportunity to review their current measure selection and re-select measures if they choose to do so.			

Also, as a reminder: Connect with your RAE contact ASAP if you have yet to get access to the Colorado Data Analytics Portal (CDAP). CDAP is the system APM participants will use moving



forward to select and track their APM claims measures. Get access to your data today; contact your RAE.

### **July 31**

#### **APM Participants: Do you have Colorado Data Analytics Portal access?**

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing recently expanded the Colorado Data Analytics Portal (CDAP) capabilities to include provider access to data for APM claims measures. Effective Aug. 7, CDAP will house refreshed quarterly data reports for primary care medical providers (PCMPs) participating in the Alternative Payment Model (APM) program. CDAP will display practice- and member-level data for all claims measures to help providers identify gaps in care and intervene to provide quality, coordinated care. PCMPs are encouraged to contact their regional accountable entity ([RAE](#)) to request access. Please email [HCPF\\_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us) if you need your RAE contact information.

### **July 16**

#### **Alternative Payment Model (APM) Participants: Submit eQMs by Aug. 14, 2020**

Are you a primary care medical provider (PCMP) participating in the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) Alternative Payment Model (APM)? If so, your regional accountable entity (RAE) may soon be in contact to collect structural and claims attestation for the 2019 program year. Please submit your electronic clinical quality measures (eQMs) for the 2019 program year through the [eQm form](#). **Submissions are due Friday, Aug. 14, 2020** If your office cannot submit data, email your RAE to request an exemption no later than Aug. 14, 2020 If you have questions, email your RAE for support. Thank you for participating in the APM.

### **June 24**

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) is providing primary care medical providers (PCMPs) with refreshed claims data for the Alternative Payment Model (APM) 2019 calendar year. (The reports will be sent to PCMPs on June 26.) The new data will offer PCMPs valuable insight into performance throughout 2019. It also enables PCMPs to evaluate their 2020 program year claims measures and determine whether the measures selected are actionable or if alternate measures should be selected.

If a PCMP decides to change claims measures, they must notify their regional accountable entity (RAE) by July 31. RAEs will then send a change request and associated PCMP ID to the Department no later than Friday, Aug. 14. The Department has created a toolkit—a report guide, a short video tutorial and FAQs—to help PCMPs navigate the claims data reports. PCMPs are encouraged to connect with their RAE if additional support is needed. If you have additional questions, please email [HCPF\\_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us) or call 303-866-3650 to speak with an APM program representative.

### **May 29**

In late March, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department)



announced the delay of the Alternative Payment Method (APM) program until further notice. The delay included the collection of APM calendar year 2019 (CY2019) performance data from the Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs). The delay supported primary care medical providers as they focused on responding to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while addressing patient care needs.

At that time, the Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI) also paused electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQM) Technical Workgroup efforts to focus on urgent needs related to COVID-19. The Department and OeHI also requested Health Data Colorado (HDCo), which includes CORHIO, Quality Health Network and Colorado Community Managed Care Network, delay meeting with practices to discuss non-urgent APM matters including training or measure attestation. However, some practices have recently reported they have the capacity to continue APM work. Therefore, the Department and OeHI agreed that HDCo may begin reaching out to practices to find out if they have the capacity to submit eCQM data. HDCo was notified on May 27 and practices may soon be contacted by HDCo.

The CY2019 performance data collected by the RAEs would have determined rate adjustments to procedure codes effective July 1, 2020. However, the Department will not change payment rates as originally planned and the enhanced funding for certain primary care codes will continue. Additional updates will be communicated as the APM program delay is lifted. In the meantime, if you have questions or need further information, please email [HCPF\\_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_primarycarepaymentreform@state.co.us) or call 303-866-3650 to speak with a program representative.

### **March 20**

As the spread of and response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) evolves, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) acknowledges that practices and providers are devoting all available resources to the COVID-19 pandemic readiness and care delivery. In light of this, the Department is delaying the Alternative Payment Method (APM) program until further notice. This delay includes the collection of APM calendar year 2019 (CY2019) performance data from the RAEs.

APM CY2019 program participants receive enhanced primary care rates and were to receive either potential positive or negative adjustments to those rates based on their performance during CY2019. The performance data collected by the RAEs would have determined adjustments to procedure codes effective July 1, 2020. However, the Department will not change payment rates as originally planned and the enhanced funding for certain primary care codes will continue. This action supports primary care medical providers as they focus on responding to COVID-19 while addressing patient care needs and their patients' concerns.

Thank you for your partnership during this unprecedented time. We are deeply appreciative for the care you provide to all Coloradans, including Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) members. Please email questions



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