

APM 2 Program Design Review Team

Meeting 4

March 27, 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting 3 Recap
3. Attribution
 - i. What is attribution?
 - ii. What is the current state?
 - iii. What is the proposed future state?
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Meet the APM 2 Team



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Activity 1: Icebreaker

2. Meeting 3 Recap

3. Attribution

What is the Accountable Care Collaborative?

- The Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) *determines the structure by which care is paid for and/or delivered to Health First Colorado members.*
- Beginning in July 2018, Phase II of the ACC established Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs), which:
 - Provide a regionally responsive approach and oversight to care.
 - Administer the Capitated Behavioral Health Benefit.
 - Contract with and support a network of Primary Care Medical Providers (PCMPs).
 - Manage overall administration, data and information, and member access to care and support.

Attribution is the process by which members are assigned to a RAE and associated to a provider that serves as a focal point of care

What is attribution and why is it important?

Context:

- In general, value-based payment (VBP) models reward providers based on achievement of quality goals and cost savings.
- Accurate determination of the relationship between a member and provider is critical to a VBP model to ensure that the correct providers are held responsible for the member's outcomes and costs.

Challenge:

Determining which provider is responsible may be complicated given that most members receive care from numerous providers.

Solution:

Attribution is how Health First Colorado members are linked to a Primary Care Medical Provider (PCMP).

What is the purpose of today's meeting?

- Today's discussion is an educational and informational session.
- Attribution:
 - Is governed by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) through the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC).
 - Requires alignment across programs.

*Attribution in ACC Phase III will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

ACC Phase II: Attribution Methodology



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Where are we today?

(Current Attribution Methodology - ACC Phase II)

Utilization

Member Choice

Family Connection

Geographic



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ACC Phase II Attribution Methodology: Utilization

- If a member has a **predominant claims history** with a practice over the last 18 months, and the practice is contracted with a RAE as a PCMP, the member is attributed to that provider.
- The system first looks at paid Evaluation and Management (E&M) claims, then other types of claims are considered.
- For children up to age 21, a set of 10 preventive service codes are prioritized.

ACC Phase II Attribution Methodology: Family Connection

- If a member has no claims history with a contracted PCMP, family relationship* is used.
- This attribution occurs only if the PCMP is appropriate (children are not attributed to 'Adults Only' locations).

*More information on family connection attribution can be found [here](#).

ACC Phase II Attribution Methodology: Geographic

- If a member has no claims history with a contracted PCMP and cannot be attributed via family connection, the system determines the closest appropriate PCMP within the member's region and attributes to that location.
- *Under current APM 2 payment methodology, geographically attributed members are excluded from rate setting & payments.*

ACC Phase II Attribution Methodology: Member Choice

- All members are initially attributed in the following order:
 - Utilization, or
 - Family connection, or
 - Geographic.
- Every member has the option of changing their PCMP at any time by contacting the Health First Colorado enrollment broker.
- Member choice is prioritized above other types of attribution.

ACC Phase II Attribution Methodology: Reattribution

- Reattribution is the process by which HCPF attributes a member to a new provider if they develop a stronger relationship (identified through claims history) with that provider after the initial attribution. Reattribution occurs:
 - Every month for members 0 to 2 years old.
 - Every 6 months for all members older than 2.

ACC Phase III: Attribution Methodology

What are Goals of ACC Phase III as it relates to Attribution?

- Simplify the attribution process for providers, while incentivizing both providers and RAEs to better engage with members.
- Better support providers participating in alternative payment models as attribution should more accurately reflect members' current and active engagement in care.
- Improve communication to members about PCMP attribution and increase transparency of the attribution process for providers.
- ACC Phase III will go into effect July 1, 2025.

Where are we going?

(Proposed Attribution Methodology - ACC Phase III)

Utilization

Member Choice

Family Connection

Geographic

No longer used in ACC Phase III

ACC Phase III Attribution Methodology: Utilization

- The **two most recent claims** with a contracted PCMP will be prioritized.
- The system will first look at paid Evaluation and Management (E&M) claims, then other types of claims are considered.
- For children up to age 21, a set of 10 preventive service codes will be prioritized.

ACC Phase III Attribution Methodology: Member Choice

- Members with claims history will be initially attributed through utilization.
- Every member will continue to have the option of changing their attributed PCMP at any time by contacting the Health First Colorado enrollment broker.
- Attribution by member choice will be prioritized over attribution via utilization.

ACC Phase III Attribution Methodology: Unattributed Members

- Members who cannot be attributed to a PCMP through utilization and have not chosen a PCMP themselves will be assigned to a RAE, who is responsible for:
 - Supporting members who are utilizing health services by connecting them with a PCMP, or
 - Supporting members who are not utilizing health services by promoting their engagement in preventive services.

ACC Phase III Attribution Methodology: Reattribution

- Under Phase III, member re-attribution will be based on the two most recent claims to a PCMP and will occur as follows:
 - Every month for members 0 to 2 years old.
 - Every 3 months for all members older than 2.

4. Looking Ahead

What's Next?

- **Next DRT Session:** Wednesday, April 24th from 11:00am - 1:00pm
- **Topic:** Quality Measurement & Quality Target Setting Part 2
- **Resources** available for your review:
 - [Team Charter](#)
 - [APM 2 Program Resources](#)
 - APM 101 Videos
 - [APM 1](#)
 - [APM 2](#)
- **Questions?** Please email us at HCPF_VBPStakeholderEngagement@state.co.us



5. Questions?

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