

Department of Human Services Tip Sheet: Clients Enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)

Attribution to Primary Care Medical Provider

At-a-Glance Terms/Acronyms	
attribution	method of identifying a patient-provider health care relationship
HCPF	Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
member	individual enrolled in Health First Colorado
PCMP	primary care medical provider
RAE	Regional Accountable Entity

Individual is Enrolled to Receive Health First Colorado Benefits

STEP 1
HCPF automatically attributes member to a **primary care medical provider (PCMP)** based on 1 of 3 methods

Utilization: based on previous claims history over last 18 months

Family Connection: if no claims history, may be attributed to PCMP where family member has history

Proximity: if can't be attributed based on utilization or family connection, attributed to nearest appropriate PCMP based on address at time of enrollment

Note: A child placed in foster care may be attributed close to their biological family unless the family changes the address in Peak or with their county DHS.

STEP 2
HCPF assigns member to a **Regional Accountable Entity (RAE)** based on location of PCMP practice

STEP 3
Health First Colorado enrollment broker sends **letter notifying member** of PCMP attribution and RAE assignment

PCMP to PCMP reattribution is completed every six months.

REMEMBER
Member, or parent/guardian, **may choose a different PCMP at any time** by contacting Health First Colorado Enrollment. Member choice always takes precedence over other attribution methods.

Online: Enroll.HealthFirstColorado.com
Phone: 303-839-2120 or 1-888-367-6557 (State Relay 711)
In Person: Available at Glendale office (member/guardian can arrange by calling main #)

RAE Assignment Determines Payment for Behavioral Health Services
 A foster child's RAE assignment is tied to the attributed PCMP. When making referrals for BH services, it is very important to keep in mind that **the RAE responsible for payment of BH services is determined by location of the attributed PCMP.**

- Only make referrals to BH providers who are contracted with the assigned RAE.
- If this is not possible, contact the RAE for assistance with the referral.