



## 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

**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

**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.

**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](http://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 #)

PCMP to PCMP  
retribution is  
completed every  
six months.

**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.