

Independent Provider Network Collaborative

December 5, 2025

The Department of Health Care Policy and
Financing (HCPF)



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Agenda

- Communications Reminders
- Feedback & Suggestions on Policy Updates
- Q&A

Communications Reminders

- Visit the Behavioral Health webpage:
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/behavioral-health>
- Sign up for Office Hours & Forums via the calendar on the landing page
 - *Note: Monthly IPN Office Hours on the first Friday of the month*
- Sign up for the [Health First Colorado Behavioral Health Updates](#) newsletter
- Sign up for [Provider Bulletins](#) & the [ACC newsletter](#)

Calendar

Events listed on this calendar include all public-facing BHIC-hosted events regarding behavioral health topics. To sign up, select the individual event listings for more information and registration links.

SUN 31	MON Sep 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
		• 2pm CCBHC Certification an	• 2pm SUD Office Hours		• 9am Hospital Stakeholder Er • 1pm IPN Collaborative Forum	
7	8	• 12pm HCPF Safety Net with t	• 10am Children's Disability Ar	• 2pm Supportive Housing Off	12	13
14	15	• 2pm CCBHC Quality Measur	• 2pm CCBHC Prospective Pa	• 11am CO-SOC Implementati • 12pm Serious Mental Illness	19	20
21	22		• 1pm CCBHC Monthly Stakeh	• 11:30am Peer Support Forurr • 3pm MHTL Level 2 Office Ho	26	27
28	• 3pm CCBHC Steering Comm	30	Oct 1 • 2pm SUD Provider Forum	2	3 • 1pm IPN Office Hours	4

BHIC Public Calendar
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-06:00) Mountain Time - Denver
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Feedback & Suggestions on Policy Updates



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Health First Colorado BH Rendering Provider Oversight (RPO) Policy

- Thank you for your feedback!
- Final draft of the RPO policy was posted on the [BH Policies webpage](#) on November 13, 2025
- Final policy & FAQ document coming soon

Questions:

- *Do you feel prepared to implement this policy?*
- *If not, what additional resources or tools would be helpful to operationalize this policy in your practice?*

Behavioral Health (BH) Peer Support Professional Certification Requirements

- HCPF draft policy language:
 - Effective January 1, 2026, all Peer Support Professionals delivering Medicaid behavioral health services must either be certified or will be certified by July 1, 2026, to be eligible for reimbursement for delivering peer support services.

Questions:

- *What do you see as the benefits and challenges of this policy?*
- *What suggestions do you have regarding this draft policy?*

Prior Authorization and Retrospective Reviews for Outpatient Psychotherapy

- RAEs are required to consider how to ensure that they are only paying for medically necessary psychotherapy services.
- Must specifically look at outpatient psychotherapy that exceeds 24 sessions in a state fiscal year (July through June).
- Governor's Executive Order removed prohibition on prior authorization review (PAR) of services, restoring it as an option available to the RAEs.
- There is no requirement of a specific utilization management method (PAR, retrospective review, etc.)


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Questions?



Monthly IPN Office Hours
First Friday of the month
(when there's no Forum)
1-2 PM

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Next IPN Collaborative
March 6, 2026
1-2:30 PM

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