

# Independent Provider Network Collaborative

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# Housekeeping

- Introductions!
- Meeting will be recorded and posted on IPN Webpage:  
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/behavioral-health-independent-provider-network-collaborative>
- Share questions/comments in chat function

# Communications Update

## 1. Improve proactive communication about changes

- Visit the new Behavioral Health landing page:  
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/behavioral-health>
- Sign up for Office Hours & Forums via the calendar on the landing page  
□ *New IPN Office Hours coming soon!*
- Sign up for the [Health First Colorado Behavioral Health Updates](#) newsletter
- Sign up for [Provider Bulletins](#)

The screenshot shows the HCPF website's Behavioral Health section. At the top is the HCPF logo and navigation menu. The main heading is "Behavioral Health". Below it, there's a "Behavioral Health Continuum of Care" section with a description and an "About BHIC" section. A sidebar on the left contains "HCPF Links" and "Partner Links". At the bottom, there's a grid of six service categories: Safety Net and Crisis Services, Residential and Inpatient Services, Population-based Services, Integrated Care, Outpatient Services, and Community Based Services.

**Behavioral Health**

**Behavioral Health Continuum of Care**

A strong behavioral health system is vital to making sure every Coloradan can access the behavioral health care they need when they need it. The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) is working with other state agencies, advocates and stakeholders to enhance the behavioral health continuum of care. Behavioral health includes mental health and substance use issues.

**About BHIC**

The Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) Behavioral Health Initiatives and Coverage (BHIC) office governs HCPF's specific behavioral health policies, benefits, special projects and strategies. The office also ensures that HCPF is fully aligned and engaged to support the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and its vision. This includes implementing elements of federal and state legislation while ensuring that HCPF continues to improve the behavioral health care access, quality, equity and service provided to Medicaid and CHP+ members.

**HCPF Links**

- [1115 Waiver](#)
- [ACC Phase III](#)
- [Becoming a Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider](#)
- [Billing](#)
- [Calendar](#)
- [CCBHC](#)
- [Crisis Services](#)
- [Email Us](#)
- [BH Policies](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [SUD Continuum](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Youth](#)

**Partner Links**

- [BHA](#)
- [988/Crisis Line](#)

**Safety Net and Crisis Services**

**Residential and Inpatient Services**

**Population-based Services**

**Integrated Care**

**Outpatient Services**

**Community Based Services**

# Policy Updates

- There are no upcoming Policy changes to note at this time.
- Colorado received approval of [1115 Waiver Amendments](#) - that includes multiple components (Continuous Eligibility, Re-entry Services, SMI/SED expanded coverage for stays in IMDs, and coverage for Health Related Social Needs [HRSN]).
- Additionally, [ACC Phase 3](#) begins July 1, 2025
  - Once the RAE contracts are signed, RAEs will communicate with providers to begin contracting updates.

# Billing and Coding Updates

A new edition of SBHS Billing Manual is published each quarter

Please bookmark and look at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/sbhs-billing-manual>

→ A Change Tracking Log is published with each edition

**New:** Behavioral Health Policies, Standards, and Billing References webpage

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/bh-policies>

# Legislative Updates

Visit the [Legislator Resource Center](#) for information on the current legislative session and other resources.

## 2025-26 Legislative and Budget Resources

- [2025 HCPF Legislative Agenda Overview](#)
- [HCPF 2025-2026 Budget Agenda Summary](#)

## SMART Act and Other Hearings

- [SMART Act Hearing Presentation](#) - January 2025
- [Responses to Advance SMART Act Hearing Questions](#) - January 2025

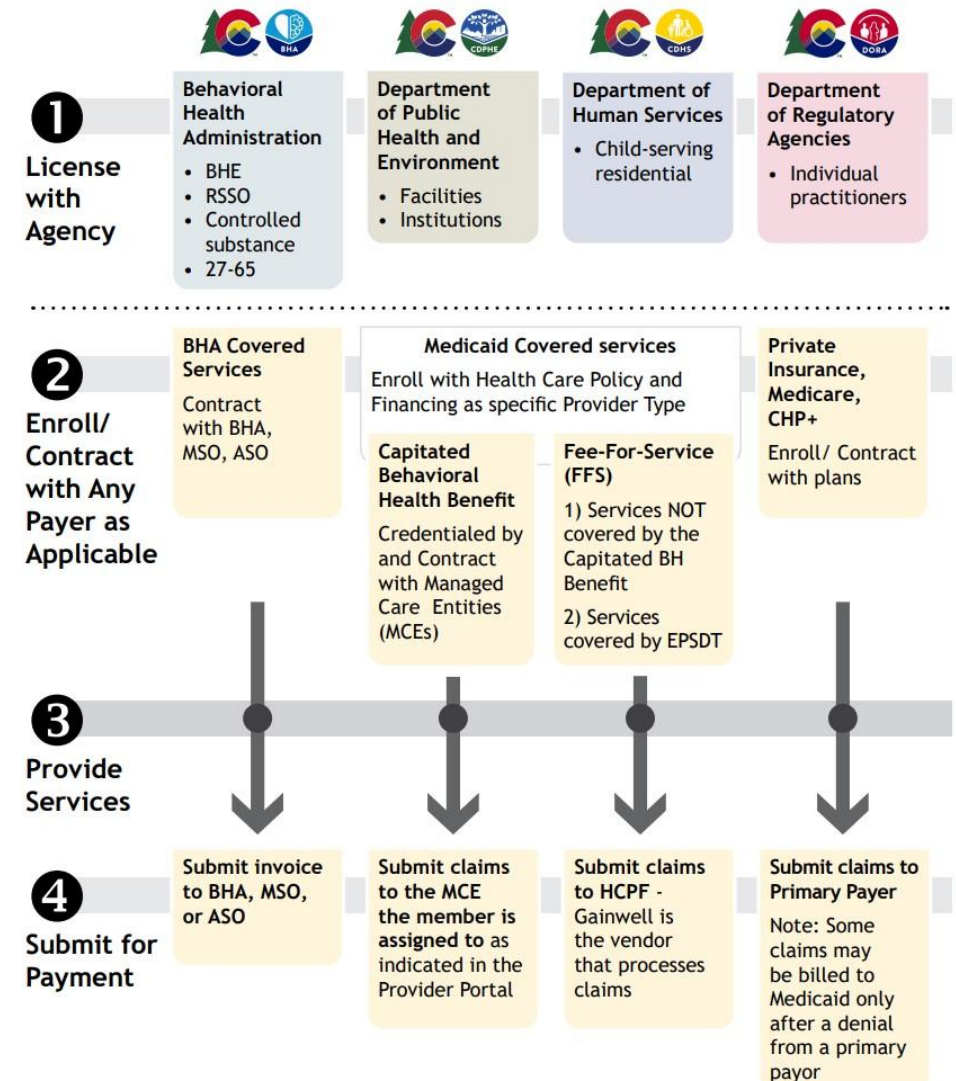
# IPN Working Group Updates

3. Create an end-to-end roadmap for IPNs on the HCPF website

As requested, the [Colorado Behavioral Health System Provider Map](#) is published on the IPN webpage

## Colorado State Behavioral Health System

This document presents the key components of the Colorado State Behavioral Health system. This graphic and narrative are intended to orient a behavioral health provider looking to participate in the system and includes a summary of information on licensing agencies and covered services.



# Presentation on RAE Practice Support Teams



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Next Meeting  
June 6, 2025  
1-2:30 PM

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