

Behavioral Health and Integration Strategies Subcommittee

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Introductions



Our Mission

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.



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Objectives

- Housekeeping
- COVID-19 updates
- 9-8-8 Stakeholder opportunities
- Residential SUD Benefit Update
- BHIS priorities discussion
- Wrap up and next steps



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Housekeeping

- Meeting Minutes: May
- Meeting Materials are posted on the BHIS Website.
- Submit Voting Member Applications through today
- Crisis Recommendation to PIAC



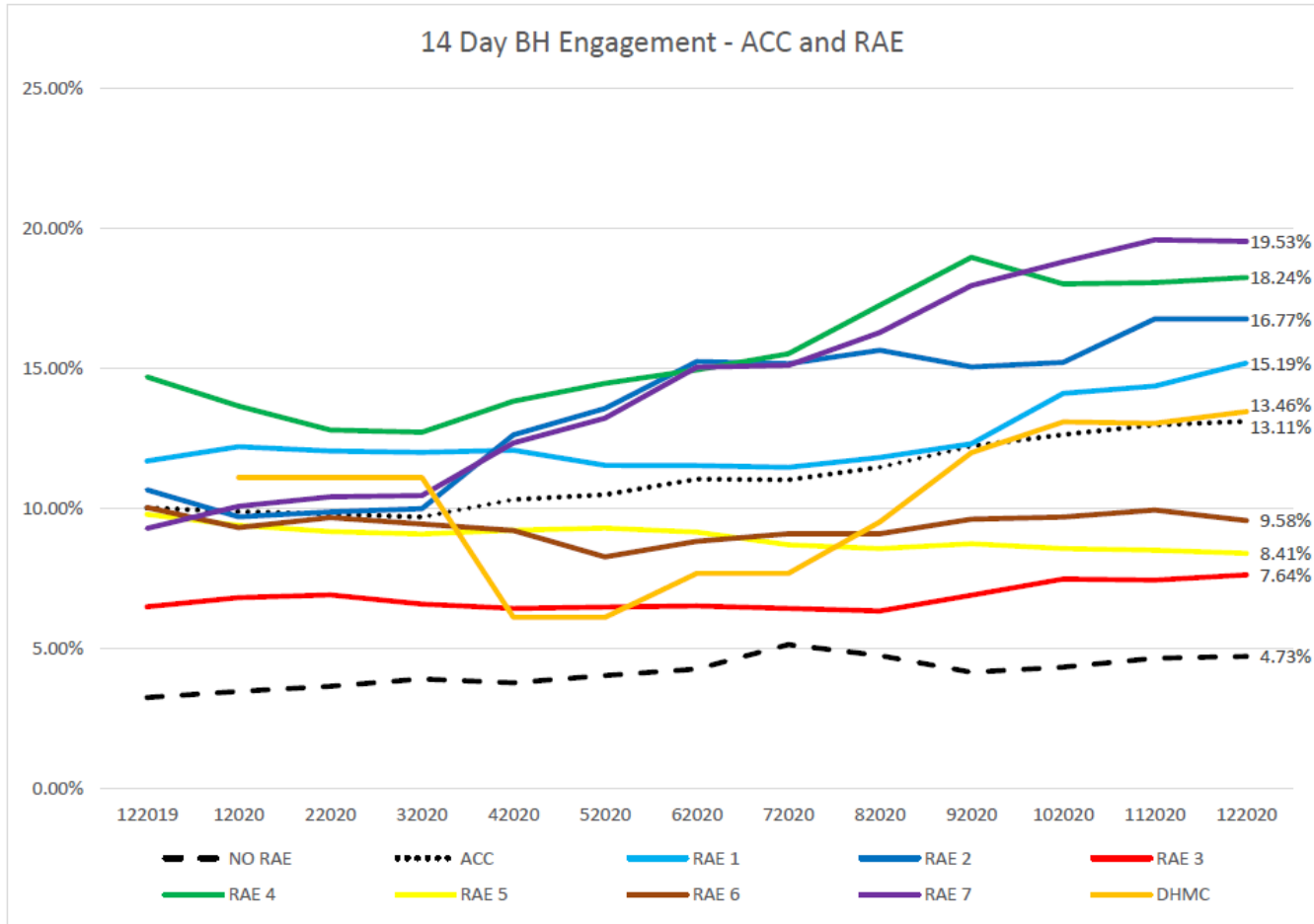
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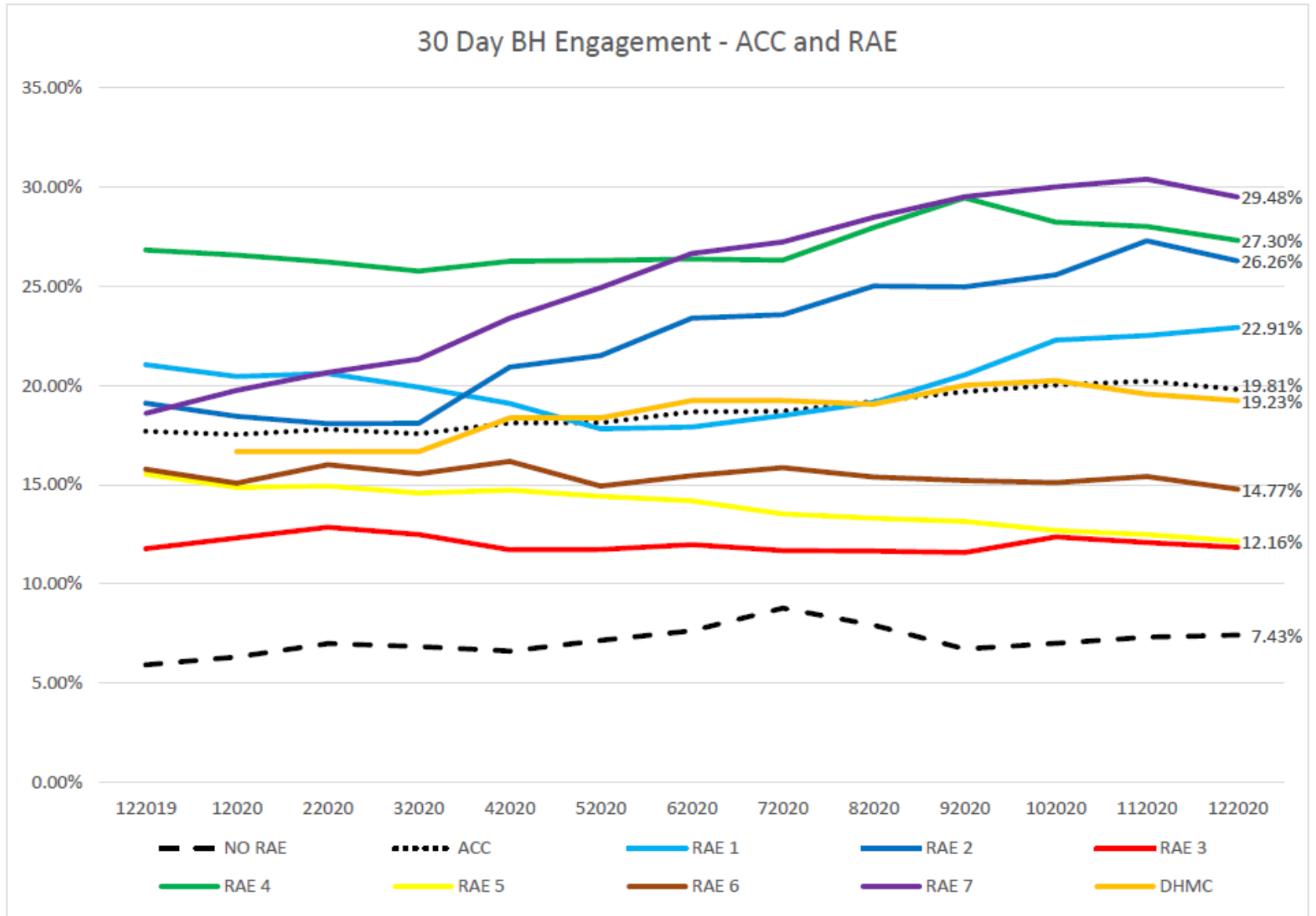
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DOC BH Engagement December 2020

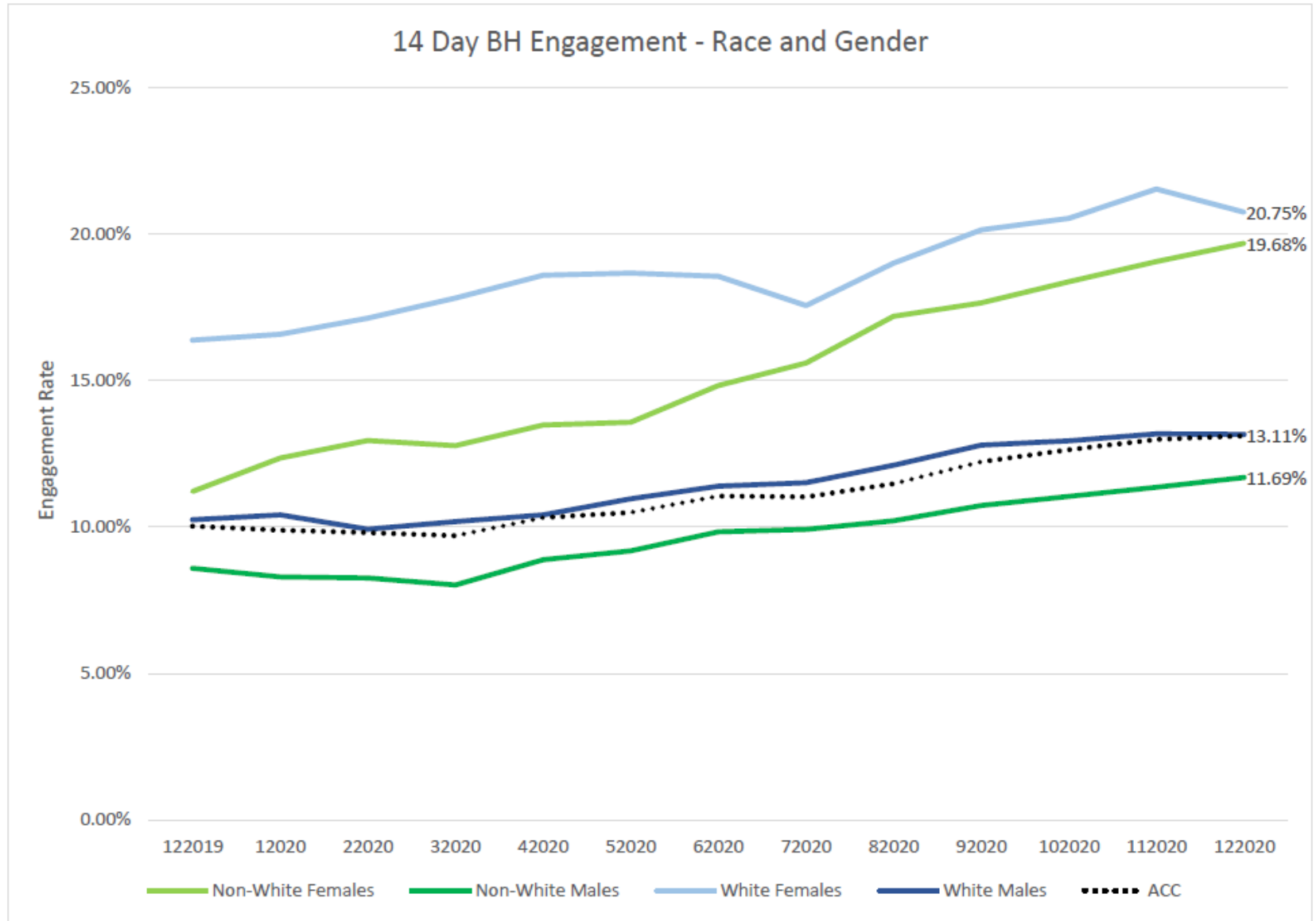
| Medicaid Release Volume | Engagement Volume | Performance Rate | Target Rate | Difference (%) | Difference (Members) |
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| 6917 | 907 | 13.11% | 13.39% | -0.28% | 19 |



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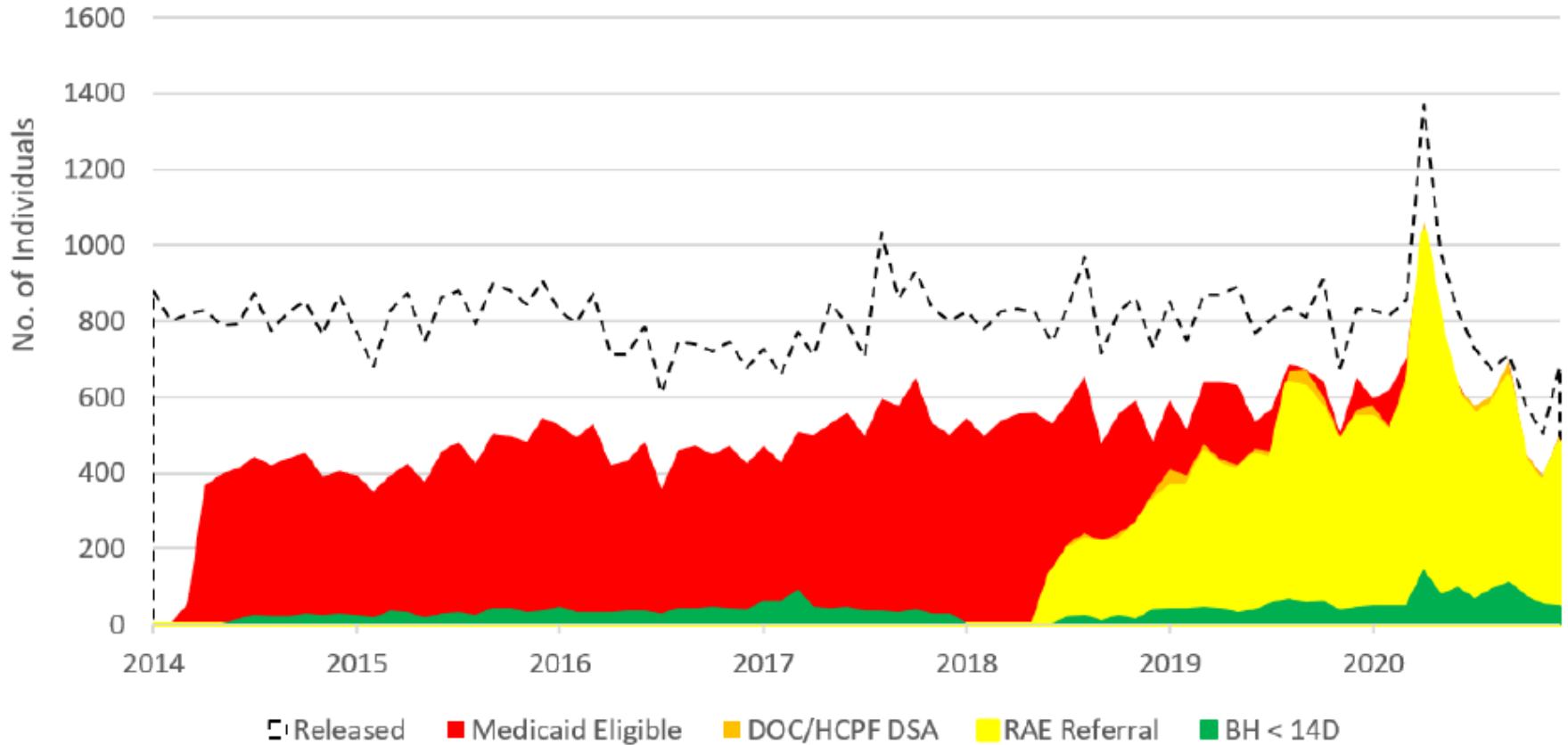


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DOC Re-Entry Care Cascade



COVID-19 Updates

- American Rescue Plan Act:
 - 10% increase federal Match for HCBS
 - Plan due June 12
 - Slide deck with additional information and proposals at hcpf.colorado.gov/arpa
- covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-data-dashboard

9-8-8 Stakeholder opportunities

- Work is underway to implement 9-8-8
- Listening Sessions:
 - June 9, 5:30 PM
 - June 10, 12:00 PM
- More info at <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/9-8-8-planning>

Ensuring a Full Continuum of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Benefits

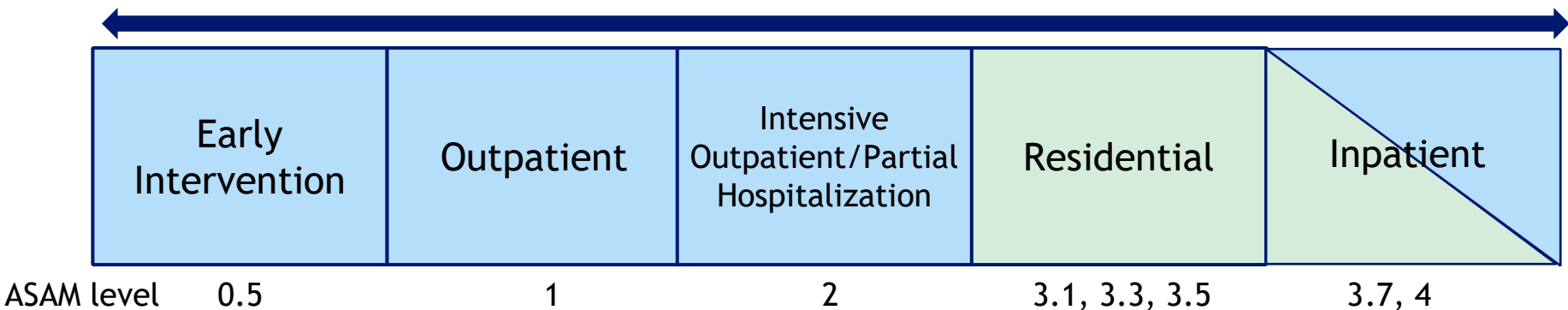
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Background

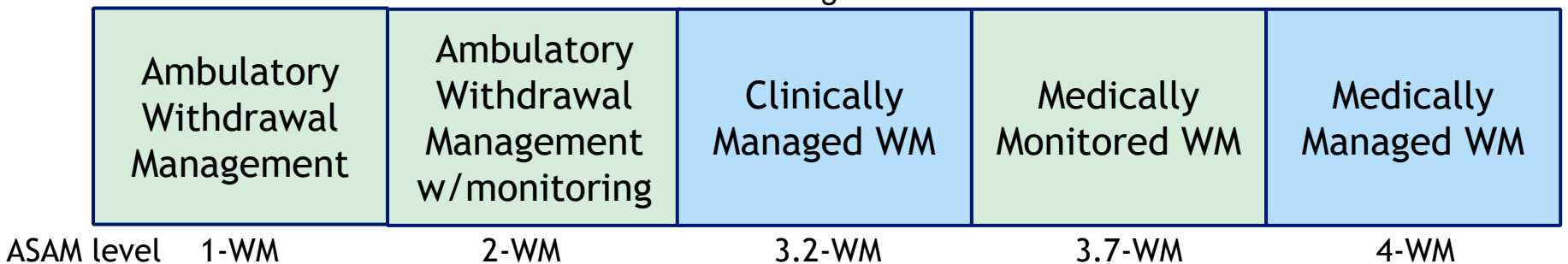
- House Bill 18-1136 enacted in June 2018
- Summer 2019 - Spring 2020: Statewide process to inform and engage partners, stakeholders, and public
- November 2020
 - Section 1115 SUD demonstration waiver application (for coverage of SUD stays in IMDs) approved
 - Medicaid State Plan Amendment (for coverage in non-IMDs) approved
- SUD benefit expansion implemented - 1 January 2021

HFC Coverage of SUD Services in Colorado

SUD Continuum of Care



Withdrawal Management Services



 Coverage before 1/1/21

 Coverage starting 1/1/21

Delivery System

- Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) manage access and utilization of SUD treatment and services
- RAE responsibilities
 - Network development across SUD continuum
 - Administer covered services
 - Utilization management
 - Care coordination
 - Integrate care services across the spectrum of behavioral and physical health care

Benefit Policies

- Coverage requires SUD primary diagnosis and medical necessity as determined by ASAM Criteria
- Length of stay is determined by medical necessity
- Prior authorization is required for treatment services; no prior auths for WM services
- No co-pays for Health First Colorado members

How to Access Treatment / Referral

Members can contact:

- their behavioral health provider (if they already have one)
 - their primary care provider
 - their RAE
- Or, see [list of participating providers](#)



Monitoring and Evaluation

- Federal Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Working with third party evaluator to gather data and report on this benefit in accordance with 1115 waiver requirements
- Reports produced on a quarterly and annual basis

Department Next Steps

| Known Issue | Response |
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| Diverse partners and resolutions | SUD Forums and Office Hours |
| State partnership breakdowns | OBH/HCPF Engagement Increase |
| RAE Policy variation | RAE Process Standardization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of Stay • Authorization • Special populations |
| Benefit Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal management billing • Children and youth accommodations | Evolving benefit payment strategies |
| Special populations (pregnant and comorbid) | Payment strategies and relationship building |
| ASAM Paradigm Shift | Electronic, standardized, statewide placement tool being procured |
| Statewide Network and Referral List | Provider network and evolving cross provider coordination |

1115 SUD Waiver Amendment

- The current SUD benefit enabled by the 1115 waiver does not include Medicaid members under 21 (MCHIP).
- The Department intends to amend 1115 SUD waiver so that MCHIP may receive inpatient / residential SUD services at facilities that qualify as an IMD.



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Public Forum and Review

- A formal notice, a copy of the waiver amendment application, and the location to provide comments regarding the amendment will be made available on the Department's website: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/ensuring-full-continuum-sud-benefits>
- The Department will also host two virtual forums to answer questions and receive feedback about the amendment.
- The comment period will be open from June 1st until July 1st.



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Questions?

1. What feedback have you been hearing in the community about the benefit?

2. How can we improve communication about the benefit?

3. What are opportunities for collaboration between BHIS work and the SUD benefit expansion?

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Thank you!

Future BHIS Objectives



Items to Consider

- Group interest
- Strategy screens
- ACC scope
- Broad category vs. specific task

Priorities Matrix Results

- Access to Care
- Diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) and health disparities in BH
- Behavioral Health reform work
- Best practices for member engagement
- What happens in Behavioral Health after COVID? (Including response to HB21-1258)
- Telehealth in BH, allowing for in-person visits too
- Increasing use of regional PIAC, member engagement committees, and work BHIS members are doing in their communities.
- availability of behavioral health services for children and youth
- Workforce shortages

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Next meeting: July 7, 2021





Questions?



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