

Behavioral Health and Integration Strategies Subcommittee

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Introductions



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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
- DOC metric and fiscal year 22-23 target
- 2022 legislative session follow up discussion
- Crisis services recommendation progress update



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Housekeeping

- Meeting Minutes: June and July
- COVID-19 Updates
- Alternative Payment Model for Primary Care feedback opportunities
- Meeting materials are posted on the BHIS Webpage



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COVID-19 Updates

- Public Health Emergency extended to Oct 13, 2022
- Federal Government has promised a 60 day warning. States should have an indication of an extension by mid-August
- Ongoing vaccine outreach and work to address disparities
- Planning for the end of the Public Health Emergency is ongoing. Resources can be found at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/phe-planning>
- COVID related data: covid19.colorado.gov



DOC Metric and Fiscal Year 22-23 Target

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Metric: Behavioral Health Engagement for Members Releasing from State Prisons

- Part of the Performance Pool incentive funds
- Definition: Percentage of members releasing from a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility with at least one billed behavioral health capitated service or short-term behavioral health visit within fourteen (14) days.
- Statewide metric
- 5-6 month delay for claims runout

Target setting process

- April: HCPF staff begins preliminary calculations based on previous process. (Ex. 91% of DOC Population with P score of 2+, 10% gap to closure)
- April: Discussion at BHIS.
 - Initiatives by HCPF, RAEs/MCOs and DOC summarized
 - Contributing factors described (release rates, performance trends, opportunities, etc.)
 - 26.07% rate was proposed
 - BHIS Feedback: Is MAT included?, make sure target is a motivating factor, avoid punishment for doing well, consistency is beneficial

Target setting process cont.

- **April:** HCPF discussed target rate during regular workgroup of RAEs/MCOs, DOC and community partners. Considerations: decreasing releases, changing acuity, COVID impacts
- **May:** Continued discussion at BHIS. Most MAT services are included, no concerns about P score of 2+ as reference point
- **May/June:** Additional data analysis with HCPF quality team (rates seem to be leveling off), updated P score percentages from DOC (91% to 84.61%), options considered (10% closure, 5% closure, two tiers)

Target setting process cont.

- **July:** Presented options to additional HPCF Leadership summarizing feedback from BHIS, HCPF staff, RAEs/MCOs. Decided on 5% gap closure.
- **July:** Reviewed at HCPF and RAE/MCO performance metric meeting
- **August:** Present to BHIS
- **August:** Finalize Performance Pool Specifications Document



Target Rate: FY22-23

- Previous Target Rates:
 - FY20-21:13.9%,
 - FY21-22: 19.01%
- Performance Pool Target calculations:
 - “Baseline” is the most recent complete year of data (FY20-21: 18.79%).
 - “Overall target” for this metric is all member being released from DOC with an identified BH need. This is based on DOC P score of 2 or more. 84.61% of DOC population has a p score of 2 or more. (For previous years the rate was 91%).
 - Five Percent (5%) gap closure
($84.61 - 18.79 = 65.82 \times 0.05 = 3.29$)
 - FY22-23 Target Rate: 22.08 ($18.79 + 3.29$)

Preliminary DOC metric data

- The Department recently transitioned to a new process for RAEs/MCOs to submit claims which has delayed the metric calculations.
- There continue to be a couple of issues in the data so results seem to be about 1% off.
- The expectation is for monthly updates to continue.

2022 Legislative Session Follow-up Discussion

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Additions

- “Long Bill” information can be found on HCPF’s Legislator Resource Center webpage.
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/legislator-resource-center>
- [HB22-1243](#) School Security and School Behavioral Health Services Funding: An additional \$6 million to extend the I Matter program through June 30, 2023

Discussion

- Are there bills that the ACC Program and BHIS should track/support/be engaged on?
 - HB22-1302?
 - SB22-196?
- Other feedback about participating in reform efforts?
- Does this legislative review process seem to work for BHIS?

Crisis Services Recommendation Progress Update

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Recommendations

- **Meet:** BHIS recommends that HCPF create policy guidance for monitoring how RAEs are collaborating with regional ASOs. The guidance should encourage RAEs to initiate or participate in regular meetings between RAEs and ASOs to understand and align performance as it relates to Medicaid members.
- **Replicate:** BHIS recommends that HCPF and RAEs replicate and expand on effective and existing community coordination efforts
- **Participate:** BHIS recommends that representatives from PIAC, BHIS, HCPF, RAEs and ASOs participate in Behavioral Health Reform

Crisis Services Deliverable Content

- Regular updates from RAEs and MCOs in the form of deliverables are a program management tool of the ACC Program.
- A specific crisis services coordination section was added to the Health Neighborhood and Community Report deliverable.

Themes

- All regions have regular meetings with the ASO.
- Regular provider coordination especially with community mental health centers
- Technology/telehealth initiatives to improve support in rural communities
- Coordination with first responders and law enforcement
- Collaborative training
- Workforce challenges
- Data barriers

Specific Initiatives

- Using inpatient admissions and crisis services to in prompt more intensive support
- Working across state lines in border communities to ensure appropriate support
- Co-locating staff at hospital emergency departments to connect members with services
- Collaborative efforts with psychiatric hospitals and intensive outpatient programs to prevent inpatient psychiatric hospitalization
- Specific training to support veterans in crisis

Opportunities

- Increased coordination with first responders
- Crisis line Coordination
 - Starting July 1, 2022, RAEs/MCOs began receiving funds from HCPF to pay Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners \$1 per member per year for crisis line services to members.
 - This is part of an overall plan to strengthen relationships and leverage Medicaid funding resources.
 - Ongoing work is to improve data sharing to better support members.



Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Next meeting will be September 7, 2022



Questions?



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Thank you!



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