

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
- Single statewide utilization management (SSUM) Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) guidelines
- ACC phase III planning and feedback



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Housekeeping

- Meeting Minutes: December
- COVID-19 Updates
- DOC Metric
- Meeting materials are posted on the BHIS Webpage



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COVID-19 Updates

- Public Health Emergency (PHE) likely extended through April 11, 2023
- 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



Federal Omnibus Bill

- Does not end the COVID PHE!
- Does separate continuous eligibility from the COVID PHE.
- States can start evaluating Medicaid and CHP+ enrollees' eligibility and ending coverage starting April 1.
 - CMS guidance is needed to understand if this can be applied to March, April, or May renewals
 - States may select different starting months.



Federal Omnibus Bill

- Colorado has been planning for the end of continuous enrollment and is working with CMS for some specific timelines and approvals.
- The redetermination process is scheduled to take place over at least 12 months, which is following CMS guidance.
- Enhanced Federal Medicaid funding is phased down through December 31, 2023.
- Resources can be found at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/phe-planning>

Preliminary DOC Metric Data

- The Department transitioned to a different process for RAEs/MCOs to submit encounter data which continues to delay the metric calculations.
- Data accuracy has been improving but some issues remain.
- June and July 2022 rates appear likely to be about 19.00-19.20%.
- FY21-22 Target Rate: 19.14%
- The monthly updates will continue.

Single Statewide Utilization Management (SSUM) Guidelines

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SSUM: Goals

- To assist referring providers, parents/guardians and custodians in assessing a **youth's** clinical presentation and determining the appropriate level of care
- Increase shared understanding about how to access care and what the care should look like

SSUM: Background

- Draft guidelines document is posted on the BHIS webpage under January 2023 (<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/behavioral-health-and-integration-strategies-subcommittee>)
- Work started over two years ago
- Guidelines document is public facing
- Primarily developed collaboratively by HCPF and RAEs/MCOs
- Additional consultation with the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), administrative service organizations (ASO), providers and stakeholders



SSUM: Problems Addressed

- First levels of care included in the guidelines are qualified residential treatment programs (QRTP) and psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF)
 - Residential treatment is an area where concerns are raised more frequently
 - Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) created QRTP level of care and required an approval process for children in county custody (Oct. 2021)
- Concerns from members, providers, and other stakeholders about inconsistency between RAEs/MCOs regarding approvals and process
- Existing utilization management tools don't address youth services or differentiate between QRTP and PRTF

SSUM: Ongoing Development

- Plan is to expand the document to include additional levels of care
- Some consideration of making a separate member facing document and provider documents, but decided to keep one document
- Next steps: Current feedback, plain language review, and approval

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- What other levels of care need to be included?

ACC Phase III Planning and Feedback

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Medical Homes in Phase III

- What should the Department consider if it wanted to allow more behavioral health providers to serve as medical homes for members in Phase III?
 - What types of requirements?
 - What expectations for member care and health outcomes?

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Next meeting will be February 1, 2023.



Questions?



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Thank you!

