



## Meeting Minutes Behavioral Health and Integration Strategies (BHIS) Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting

August 7, 2024, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

### 1. Introductions

#### Facilitators:

- Monique McCollum Parent of special needs children on Medicaid
- Lexis Mitchell Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF Liaison)

#### Voting Members:

- Amanda Jones Community Reach Center
- Deb Hutson Behavioral Health Administration
- Taylor Miranda Thompson Colorado Community Health Network
- Thomas Keller Medicaid Member
- Nina Marinello SCL Health
- Charles Davis Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc.
- Monica Lintz Denver Health

#### Other Attendees:

### 2. Housekeeping

Lexis Mitchell calls the group to approve the June 2024 BHIS minutes. Charles Davis motions to approve; Amanda Jones seconds. Committee members voted to approve the June 2024 minutes. There are no objections. June 2024 meeting minutes are approved by voting members.



Lexis Mitchell introduces new BHIS voting members, Monica Lintz and Marisa Gulliksrud.

### 3. 1115 Update

Jennifer Holcomb, HCPF, and Nicole Tuffield, HCPF presented an update on Colorado's 1115 demonstration waiver.

- States may waive some federal rules to have more flexibility, offer coverage to more people and cover more services under an 1115 Demonstration. 1115 waivers are a five-year agreement with an option for renewal and states can amend existing 1115 waivers to cover additional services. HCPF received approval for a demonstration to cover Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) and other settings for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.
- The first 1115 SUD waiver amendment, submitted April 2024, extended continuous Medicaid and CHP+ coverage for children from birth to age 3, extended 12 months of continuous Medicaid for adults leaving incarceration from a Department of Corrections facility, added pre-release services for adults and youth transitioning from DOC and DYS correctional facilities, and added reimbursement for acute inpatient and residential stays in IMDs for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED).
- The second 1115 SUD waiver amendment will be submitted to CMS in August 2024, and seeks to authorize housing and nutrition services to specific eligible populations.
- For more information, visit the [1115 Waiver website](#) or email [hcpf\\_1115waiver@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_1115waiver@state.co.us).

### 4. Safety Net Update

John Laukkanen and Meghan Morrissey, HCPF, presented an update on the Behavioral Health Safety Net.

- [The Safety Net Provider web page](#) houses a training library of behavioral health basics where people can learn more about the safety net and the services it provides.
- Behavioral health safety net providers serve priority populations and comply with the safety net no refusal requirements, ensuring that priority populations



receive access to the care that they need to achieve whole person health through care and coordination. “Safety Net” refers to the new classifications of both essential and comprehensive providers.

- All Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) attested their intention to be Comprehensive Providers, which qualified them to start receiving their distinct Prospective Payment System (PPS) on July 1, 2024, even under current enrollment as provider type (PT) 35 CMHC. Beginning July 1, 2024, they need to enroll as a new PT 78.
- CMHC designation will be discontinued at the end of December 2024. Comprehensive Safety Net Providers will be billing providers and will not be able to bill as the rendering provider (as current CMHCs are allowed).
- To become an Essential Provider, a provider must get BHA approval and then enroll with HCPF. A provider must be contracted with a Managed Care Entity (MCE) as a safety net provider to receive the enhanced payment. A provider will receive the Essential enhanced payment rate based on the effective date of the MCE contract. HCPF sends a weekly provider file and a quarterly file to the MCEs; the weekly file includes any changes that were made from the previous weekly file.
- Appendix L in the [HCPF State Behavioral Health Services Billing Manual](#) contains more information about provider types and payment structures.
- Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) is a part of the Safety Net. The MCR services codes, 90839 with ET modifier and H2011 with ET modifier may be provided by crisis services PT 95, specialty 772 MCR and comprehensive safety net PT 78, specialty 887.
- Providers can find links to provider forums and FAQs on the [HCPF website](#), or book a support session to get help with enrolling as a Comprehensive or Essential Provider [here](#).

## 5. HCPF Behavioral Health Incentive Program (BHIP) Presentation

Emily Kelley, HCPF, presented on the Behavioral Health Incentive Program (BHIP). Emily presented data from the previous six years on several BHIP measures for each of the RAEs.



## 6. Wrap Up and Next Steps

There was a request from the committee to revisit the impact of moving to a PPS system and the impact of care that this may have at a future meeting.

The next BHIS meeting will be September 4, 2024.

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