

CCBHC Certification and Provider Readiness Subcommittee

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Agenda

- Introductions / Poll
- History / Current State
- Certification Overview
- Subcommittee Planning
- Open discussion

CCBHC Planning Grant Goals

Colorado's participation in the CCBHC Planning Grant is a part of a state-wide, multi-agency effort to expand Colorado's behavioral health system of care.

The Planning Grant will allow HCPF and BHA to **explore how the CCBHC model could complement the Colorado Safety Net System** to promote integrated and accessible behavioral health care with sustainable funding practices.

Our goals:

1. Establish realistic implementation plan understanding cost and timeline.
2. Determine if the CCBHC model the best way to improve the Behavioral Health Safety Net system in Colorado.

CCBHC Planning Grant Roadmap

12-month Process	Planning for CCBHC Implementation (January 2025 – December 2025)													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Steering committee(s)	Develop committee(s)		Maintain committees, subcommittees, and partnerships (e.g., state, clinics, associations) with regular meeting cadences, notes, and deliverables to ensure stakeholder and community engagement in the CCBHC demo											
Populations & service areas	Solicit input from focus populations, identify potential CCBHCs & their service areas				Identify population health needs and secure insight from those communities, work with providers to select initial sites and regions they will serve as CCBHCs									
CCBHC training & education	Identify and provide TA needs for providers (e.g., CCBHC-PPS, billing, quality measures) as possible													
Infrastructure for data quality	Identify data collection infrastructure needs and begin processes for quality measurement				Onboard and maintain technology platforms for clinic and state efforts to ensure accurate measurement of quality measures and population health needs									
Assess clinic & community needs	Launch and complete community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments				Assure clinics' community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments are complete, accurate, and aligned for criteria and certification needs									
Scope of Services & Certification	Finalize Scope of Services and activities that will be included in certification & PPS rate				Formalize CCBHC criteria & Create certification process		Work with clinics to meet SAMHSA and state certification criteria, certify clinics, and plan for future certifications							
Establish CCBHC-PPS					Select CCBHC PPS	Establish a CCBHC-PPS system and work with clinics to help calculate a clinic-specific rate				Establish payment operations & review cost reports				
MS Approval for CCBHC													Prepare to apply for the Demonstration in 2026	

Meeting Expectations

Subcommittee Goal:

- Discuss and gather input from stakeholders to build a plan that will help us move from our current state to a CCBHC driven model that works well for all Coloradans.
- Collaboratively create an effective certification process.

Meeting Ground Rules:

- Slide decks will be posted after the meeting on the CCBHC webpage
- Ask questions at any time using the chat. Raised hands will be called upon by the speaker.

Introductions + Poll

In the chat, please provide:

- Name, pronouns if you'd like
- The organization you represent

Please complete poll. The goal of including a poll is:

- To better understand who is here,
- What perspectives are represented (or missing),
- Measure progress of this subcommittee.

CCBHC in Colorado

What is the CCBHC model & how is Colorado involved?

- Established in 2014 by Congress
- The CCBHC model requires:
 - [Crisis services](#)
 - Comprehensive behavioral health services
 - Care coordination
- A CCBHC Planning Grant was awarded to Colorado on December 31, 2024

CCBHC in Colorado

Why is this important?

- Colorado is joining states around the country
- Alignment with current system reform & requirements
- Partner involvement
 - Ensuring providers understand potential changes & can give feedback

What are Certification Reqs?

1. Staffing
2. Availability and Accessibility of Services
3. Care Coordination
4. Scope of Services
5. Quality and other Reporting
 - a. 18 Data Metrics
6. Organizational Authority, Governance, and Accreditation

Staffing

- General Staffing Requirements
- Licensure and Credentialing of Providers
- Cultural Competence and Other Training
- Linguistic Competence

Availability and Accessibility

- General Requirements of Access and Availability
- General Requirements for Timeliness and Evaluation
- Access to Crisis Management Services
- No Refusal of Services Due to Inability to Pay
- Provision of Services Regardless of Residence

Care Coordination

- General Requirements of Care Coordination
- Care Coordination and Health Information Systems
- Care Coordination Partnerships
- Care Treatment Team, Treatment Planning, and Care Coordination Activities

Scope of Services (1/2)

- General Service Provisions
- Person-Centered and Family-Centered Care
- Crisis Behavioral Health Services
- Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis
- Person-Centered and Family-Centered Planning
- Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Services

Scope of Services (2/2)

- Outpatient Clinic Primary Care Screening and Monitoring
- Targeted Case Management Services
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- Peer Supports/Counseling and Family/Caregiver Supports
- Intensive, Community-Based Mental Health Care for
Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans

Quality and Reporting

- Data Collection, Reporting, and Tracking
- Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Plan

Organizational Authority

- General Req's of Organizational Authority and Finances
- Governance
- Accreditation

Learning From Others

- Attestation is not the preferred path
- Certification process must include demonstrated ability to submit automated data
- Strategy support from Health Management Associates (HMA)

Timeline

- Summer of 2025: Formalize certification process
- Fall of 2025: Focus on provider readiness for certification
- April 1, 2026: Application due

July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027: Earliest to latest date that that demonstration period could begin, if awarded

- Aiming for latest possible effective date (July 1, 2027)
- Ensure system is poised to support Clinics

Colorado Connection

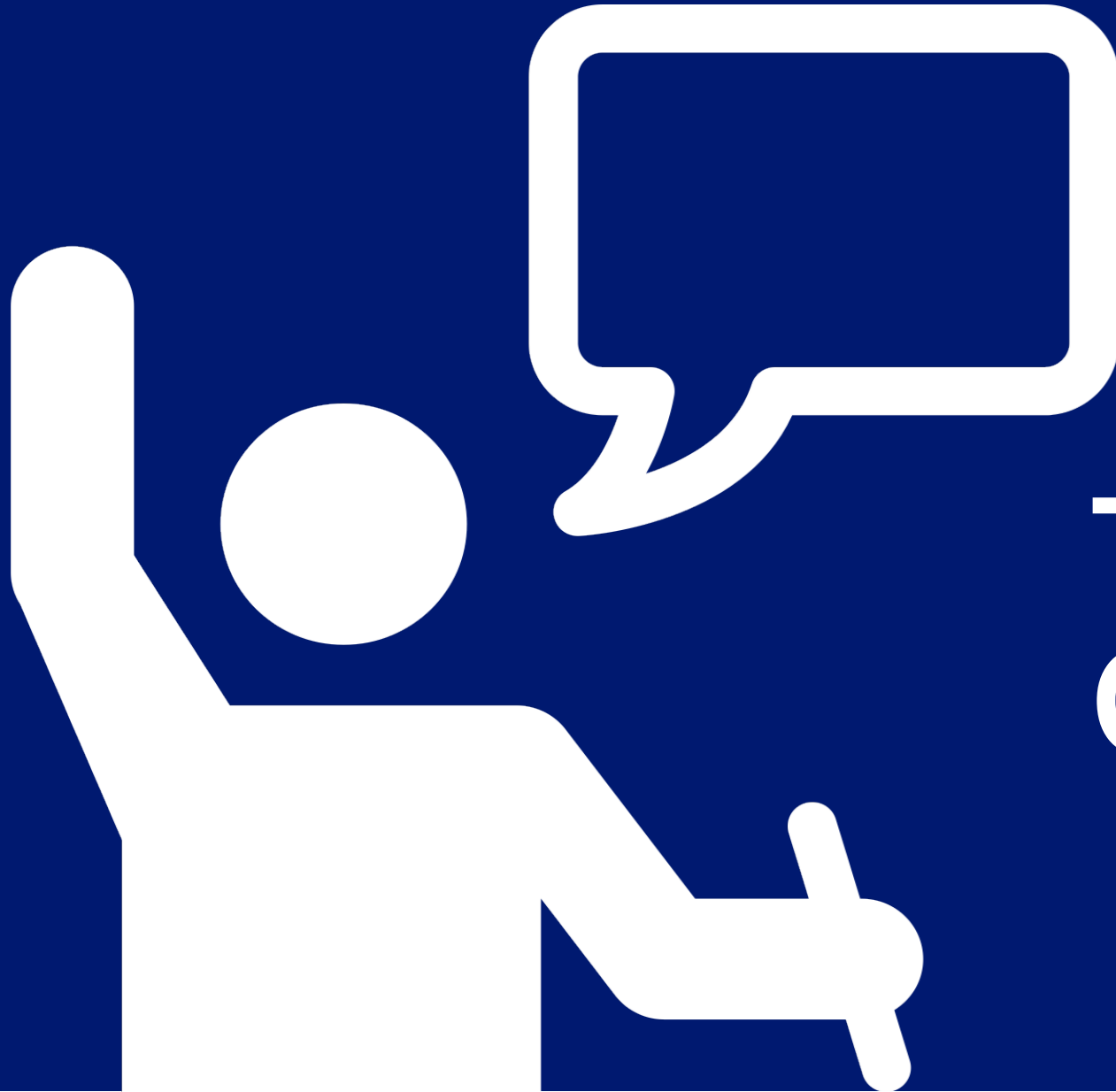
- Comprehensive Provider Approval is modeled after CCBHC standards
- Makes our CCBHC challenge unique (do not want to duplicate)

Connections

- What do you see as potential:
 - Impacts
 - Challenges
 - Benefits

Planning

- Overall direction of the subcommittee
 - Next month / timeline
 - Goals / timeline
 - Action items
- Steering Committee
 - Representation and reporting



Thoughts? Questions?



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hcpf.colorado.gov/ccbhc

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Exit Survey

Please take 2 minutes
to complete an
exit survey

Newsletter Sign-up

Visit the Behavioral Health Benefits page for resources, information, calendar of upcoming events, and to sign up for the monthly behavioral health newsletter:

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/behavioral-health>



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Context and Considerations

Recent significant change:

- 2024: Legacy → Behavioral Health Entity (BHE) licensing, Safety Net Approvals, etc.

More change on the horizon:

- Controlled Substance License (CSL) and Safety Net updates (to SBHS in May 2025)
- BHASOs coming (July 2025)
- CCBHC Planning Grant application (April 2026)
- ASAM 4th Edition alignment (July 2026)

Alignment and Overlap

- Pinning down the moving target(s)
- Coupling similar/overlapping work of CCBHC certification needs with statewide transition to the 4th Edition of the ASAM Criteria
 - Exploring options
 - Shared effective dates
 - Split effective dates
 - Best way to capture and implement requirements
 - Etc.

What We Know

- Subject to State Board of Human Services (SBHS) rule promulgation process
 - Start at the end: What is target effective date?
 - Work backwards from there
 - Minus (-) at least 2 months: 1st and 2nd Read
 - Minus (x) months, based on factors including number of pages to review: Attorneys General review
 - Minus (y) amount of time: feedback inclusion
 - Minus (z) amount of time: community engagement
- Meeting with SBHS Administrator this month

Starting Point

Initial thoughts:

- BHA Provider Rules for Certification standards
 - Dedicated Chapter for CCBHC certification
- BHA Administrative Rules for Data Measures
- Updated in tandem, support each other

Next Steps

Certification & Provider Readiness Subcommittee:

- First Tuesday of the month at 2pm via Zoom
- Next meeting: Tues., June 3 at 2pm

Future topic(s):

- Timeline review with harder targets in place
- What are your priorities?