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CCBHC FMAP Guidance Document

What is a CCBHC?

A **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)** is a type of clinic designed to provide comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services. The goal is to make sure people can access a full range of care – from crisis services to outpatient treatment – regardless of their ability to pay.

What is FMAP?

Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) is the share of Medicaid service costs that the **federal government** pays, with the state covering the rest. For example, if a state has a service FMAP of 60%, the federal government pays 60 cents of every Medicaid dollar, and the state pays 40 cents.

An FMAP can sometimes be specific to one service, program or population that meets particular federal requirements and guidelines.

For CCBHC Demonstration, the FMAP determines how much of the cost of services delivered at these clinics is covered by the federal government through Medicaid. In simple terms:

- **Clinics bill Medicaid** for services they provide to eligible patients.
- **The federal government pays its share (FMAP)**, and the state pays the remainder. The current Colorado FMAP is the standard match rate minimum of 50%.

The FMAP funding structure helps states support Medicaid services without carrying the full financial burden.

What is the anticipated CCBHC FMAP rate for Colorado?

Colorado is in the **planning phase**, having received a SAMHSA CCBHC **Planning Grant** from December 31, 2024, to December 30, 2025.

This means the state is working on system design—like setting criteria for certifying CCBHCs and developing a Prospective Payment System (PPS)—but **has not yet entered the full demonstration phase so is not yet eligible to receive an increased FMAP for CCBHC services**.

If Colorado participates in the Section 223 Demonstration, the state will receive an enhanced FMAP (e-FMAP) equivalent to the Standard CHIP matching rate. **For Colorado, that rate is currently 65%.**

How will Colorado use the enhanced FMAP on CCBHC services?

Colorado relies on FMAP calculations for budget planning and to ensure the provision of services within the state. A potential enhanced FMAP on CCBHC services does not reduce the total funds necessary to provide these services, but would instead lower the amount of State General Fund necessary to support them. General Fund offsets are returned to the legislature for the Joint Budget Committee to determine how it should be allocated.

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