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Department Updates



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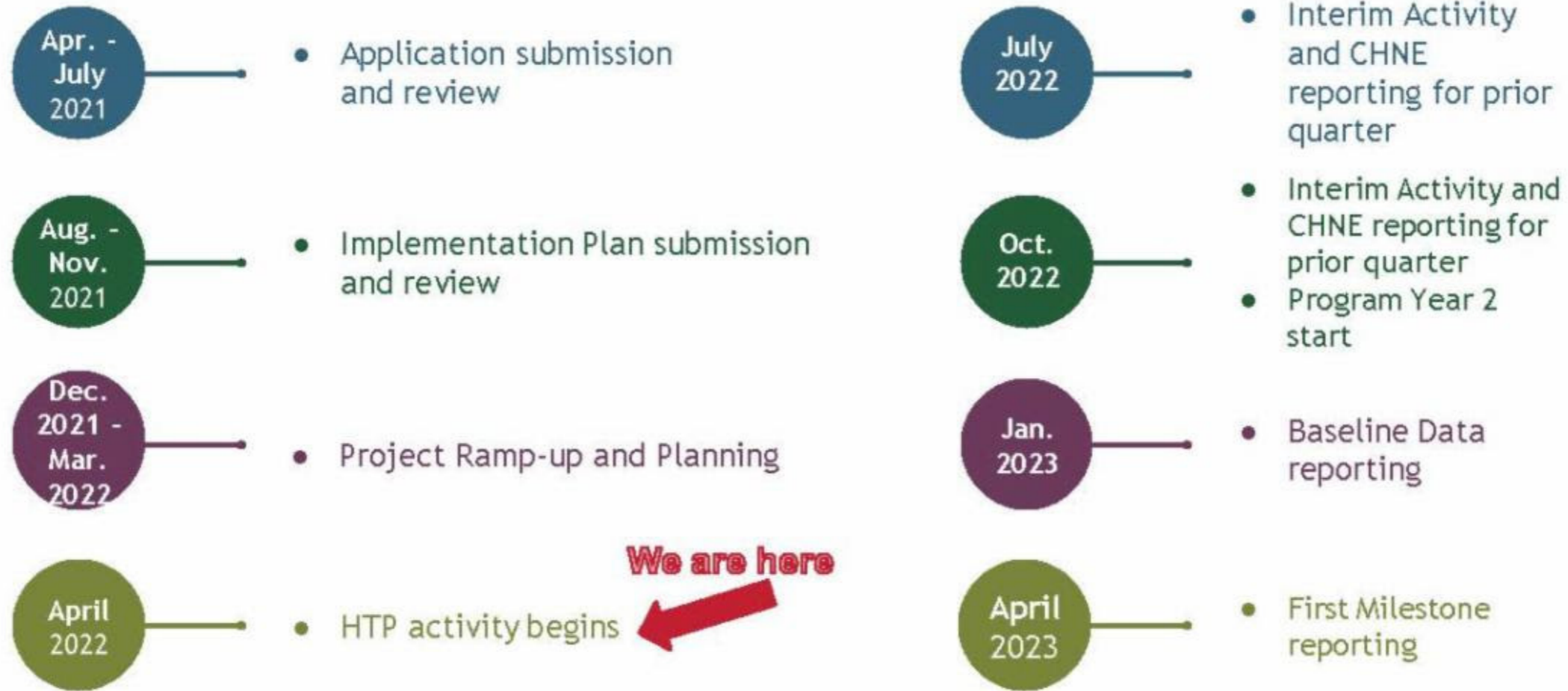
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Staff and Board Announcements

- Allison Neswood resigned from Colorado Center on Law and Policy and the CHASE Board
- Department staff announcements
 - Anthony Ciaramella Hospital Communications Manager
 - Karola Cochran Hospital Transformation Project Coordinator
 - Shay Lyon CHASE Program Assistant

Hospital Transformation Program

Updated HTP Timeline



Hospital Transformation Program

- Published a comprehensive quarterly reporting guide titled HTP Quarterly Reporting Guide
 - Overview of the various types of quarterly reporting [Community & Health Neighborhood Engagement (CHNE), interim, milestone, performance measures]
 - The quarterly reporting schedule
 - A deep-dive into interim and CHNE reporting including the requirements, submission, scoring and achievement review criteria, scoring review and reconsideration period, etc.
 - A deep-dive into milestone reporting including the requirements, submission, scoring and achievement review criteria, scoring review and reconsideration period, milestone amendments, course corrections, etc.
 - The Qualtrics survey prompts that will be used for interim and CHNE reporting
 - The HTP Quarterly Reporting Guide has been added to the HTP webpage under Tools and Resources
 - Interim Activity and CHNE Reporting Requirements Training held on Friday, April 15, 2022



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Hospital Transformation Program

- Monthly HTP workgroups and HTP Hospital Index Office hours continue
- Weekly meetings with CHA, regular and ad hoc meetings with hospitals and groups
- hcpf.colorado.gov/colorado-hospital-transformation-program
- hcpf_COHTP@state.co.us

House Bill 21-1198, Hospital Discounted Care

- Establishes requirements for hospital discounted care for lower income patients up to 250% of the federal poverty level
- Patients given the opportunity to apply for financial assistance or charity care programs at the health care facility where they receive care
- Charges established by the Department at the greater of either the Medicare rate or Medicaid base rate
- Payment plans that are established to pay the bills may not exceed four (4) percent of the patient's monthly household income. For bills from health care professionals, the limit is two (2) percent of the monthly household income. Once 36 payments have been made, the remainder of the bill is forgiven.
- Rules adopted at the March Medical Services Board; final hearing in May.
- Expect bill to delay implementation until September 2022



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House Bill 21-1198, Hospital Discounted Care

- Provider trainings
 - May 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Hospital Discounted Care Policies and Procedures
 - May 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hospital Discounted Care Policies and Procedures
 - May 11, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Uniform Application for Hospital Discounted Care and CICP
 - May 12, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Uniform Application for Hospital Discounted Care and CICP
 - May 17, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hospital Discounted Care Question and Answer Session
- hcpf.colorado.gov/hospital-discounted-care
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Reinsurance Hospital Assessment

- Per Senate Bill 20-215, under 10-16-1205(1)(a)(I), C.R.S., HCPF will notify hospitals before November 1 and collect the hospital assessment (reinsurance fees) by December 1
- \$20 million for each of December 2022 and December 2023
- We will collect the reinsurance fees in accordance with the fee rates approved and in place at the time of collection
- Through an interagency agreement, HCPF will transfer the reinsurance fees collected to the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Insurance



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Senate Bill 22-200, Rural Provider Stimulus Grant Program

- Currently under consideration
- Will give qualified hospitals serving rural communities the resources to modernize their IT infrastructure and invest in projects to expand affordable access to health care
- \$10,000,000 rural provider access and affordability fund in the state treasury, which will be administered by HCPF
- With recommendations of an advisory committee, HCPF and the Medical Services Board will adopt guidelines to determine which providers will be eligible for funding
- \$10 million in ARPA funding, including only 4% administrative costs to implement and oversee the rural grants. There is no General Fund impact.



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Prescriber Tool

- The Prescriber Tool for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) is a collection of capabilities that healthcare providers can access through their EHR systems.
- The tool offers Prescription Benefit Modules which include real-time information on prescription drugs, affordable alternatives, and prior authorization requests for Health First Colorado members.
- The tool also offers an Opioid Risk Module with patient-specific risk metrics and medication monitoring to help prevent the misuse and abuse of opioids and other controlled substances. Please contact Opisafe for more information opisafe.com/contact-us.



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Prescriber Tool Prescription Benefit Modules

Real-Time E-Prescribing

- Prescribers can now send prescriptions electronically to pharmacies for Health First Colorado members
- Quick and easy way to provide care and securely e-prescribe within the existing workflow



Real-Time Benefits Inquiry

- Receive preferred medication options from the Preferred Drug List
- Up to two lower-cost alternative medications displayed within the same therapeutic drug class
- Prescriber makes clinical decision

Real-Time Prior Authorization

- Real-time prior authorization requests (PARs); submitted via Cover My Meds connection
- Reduced workload (no manual entry or forms, no looking up lists!)
- Check eligibility and submit PARs electronically



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Real-Time Benefits Inquiry

Health First CO vs. Commercial Insurance

- Commercial insurance will show different copay amounts for medications. Health First Colorado member copays will remain the same independent of the medication prescribed.

Alternatives

- Up to two alternative medications are returned in the Health First Colorado version of the tool. These are the most cost-effective medications within a therapeutic drug class. The alternative listed first is the most cost-effective medication of the two alternatives provided.

Brand vs. Generic

- Sometimes, a brand name medication can be more cost effective for Health First Colorado than a generic. The co-pay for members will not change.



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Prescriber Tool

- Visit the Prescriber Tool website
hcpf.colorado.gov/prescriber-tool-project
- Contact Lauren Hussey, Prescriber Tool EHR Coordinator
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Proposed CHASE Cash Fund Reserve



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Proposal

- 2% reserve to ensure adequate daily and end of year cash balances
- Below allowed 16.5% reserve
- Estimated FFY 2021-22 fund balance adequate to establish this reserve level with no need to increase fees
- Excess reserve refunded or used to reduce fee collections, as determined by CHASE Board

Thank You

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