



CHASE

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and
Sustainability Enterprise

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Via Zoom

November 15, 2022

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- Dr. Kimberley Jackson, Vice Chair, 3:02pm

2. Roll Call

- Nancy Dolson, 3:03pm
- There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Dr. Claire Reed, Barbara Carveth, Bob Vasil, Jeremy Springston, Dr. Kim Jackson, George Lyford, Scott Lindblom, Heather Lafferty, Robert Morasko, Matt Colussi - HCPF, Janie Wade, Ryan Westrom

B. Members Excused

- None.

C. Department Staff Present

Nancy Dolson, Shay Lyon, Anthony Ciaramella, Riley De Valois, Charles Withers, Kami Tam Sing, Matthew Colussi, Scott Lindblom, Austin Wozniak, Jeff Wittreich, Gina DeCrescentis, Matt Haynes, James Johnston

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approved.

4. Department Updates

- Nancy Dolson, 3:06pm
- Prescriber Tool update. The tool will provide information for certain prescription drugs as far as covered benefits, lower costs. An alternate methodology will be introduced next year to help lower costs even more. Users will be prescribers, clinic partners and hospitals.



5. Hospital Expenditure Report Consultation

- Nancy Dolson, 3:09pm
- Review of slides provided (see handouts).
- Provides detailed information about charges, contractual obligations, and more.
- There have been some changes for how the data in the report is being presented. Last year's report provided for reference (see handouts).
- The change will focus on a year-to-year change instead of a look at several years' data in one report.
- Only hospitals that had data available are included in the report.
- Question: How does the consultation process work?
- The Board is asked to provide recommendations and the report is changed according to the concerns expressed.
- Hospital Expenditure Report will be posted in January. The 15-day review period will begin soon.

6. 2023 CHASE Annual Report Draft Review

- Dr. Kimberley Jackson, 3:19pm
- Draft received by Board members previous week (see handouts). The Board will either vote today or come back in December for the final approval.
- Overview of the main points of the report.
- Some highlights: \$457 million in increased reimbursement to hospitals; Transferred \$153.5 million to the state General Fund due to increase in federal funding as a result of House Bill 20-1385; updated enhanced federal medical assistance percentage methodology has saved hospitals \$152 million in fees; additional coverage through Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan Plus for over 668,000 Coloradans; launched the Hospital Transformation Program; maintained low administrative expenses.
- Description of methodologies (already approved by Board).
- Hospital Quality Incentive Payments data presented by hospital in a grid within the report.
- Total CHASE Expenditures explained in Table 4.
- Administrative Expenditures are reported on state fiscal year basis instead of the federal fiscal year. Table 5 within the report explains items and funds.
- Bulk of administrative costs go to IT contracts running claims and eligibility system for the 668,000 Coloradans covered by Health First Colorado.
- Next shift reflects the Cost Shift data, which shows hospital reimbursement compared to patient costs and bad debt and charity care write-offs. The data shows a return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Payments reflected in Tables 6 and 7.
- Suggestion to reflect the change in 2019-2020 data to 2020-2021 data.
- Figure 1 shows the payer mix data from 2009-2021.
- Figure 2 shows payment less cost from 2009-2021.
- Figure 3 shows the total payment less costs per patient from 2009-2021; sharp decline shown in 2020.



- Table 8 and 9 shows the payment less costs per patient pre- and post-House Bill 19-
- Table 10
- Figure 4 and Table 11 show bad debt and charity care cost data.
- Hospital Transformation Program: In year 2 of the 5 year program.
- In first quarter, hospitals reported on their implementation progress. All but 1 hospital turned in their reports on time.
- In January 2023, the baseline data will be in the process of reporting.
- Section on the Community Advisory Council: provides consumer input to HTP.
- The appendix shows more data figures and tables, summaries of program year 1, etc.
- Suggestion made to wait to approve the report until the December meeting.
- Question posed to the Board about comparing the data from 2019 to 2021 to show a return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Question posed if it's possible to circulate graphs before next meeting for Board review or post document on Google Doc or Drive for comments from Board members.

7. Public Comment

- 4:02pm
- No comment.

8. Possible Board Action

- None taken this meeting.

9. Adjourn

- Dr. Kimberley Jackson moved to adjourn. Janie Wade seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm.

10. Next Meeting: December 13, 2022, at 3:00pm via Zoom

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