



Colorado Healthcare Affordability & Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board Meeting Minutes

[Via Zoom](#)

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 3:00PM

1. Welcome

- Jon Alford, Volunteer Chair, calls to order.

2. Roll Call

- There were sufficient members for a quorum.

I. Members Present

- Jon Alford, Jason Amrich, Bob Vasil, Janie Wade, Dr. Kimberley Jackson, Jeremy Springston, Mannat Singh, Matt Colussi, Ryan Westrom, Scott Lindblom, George Lyford

II. Members Excused

- Dr. Claire Reed

III. Department Staff Present

- Nancy Dolson, Tracy Gonzales, Matt Haynes, Kami TamSing, Jeff Wittreich, James Johnson, Charles Withers, Rebecca Parrott, Austin Wozniak, Anthony Ciaramella, Angelica McClure

3. Approval of Minutes

- Jason Amrich motioned to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting. Janie Wade seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

4. CHASE Model Background - Nancy Dolson

- Brief overview of how the CHASE Provider Fee works
- Overview of the roles of HCPF and the CHASE Board



- Provider Fees
 - Fees are calculated on in-patient and out-patient services.
 - Fees are limited to 6% of net patient revenues.
 - Bob Vasil: Is the 6% of net patient revenue a state-wide limit?
 - Response to Mr. Vasil: It is statewide. We cannot collect fees that exceed 6% or the net patient revenues for the State as a whole or for all providers that are subjected to the fee.
 - The fees must be broad-based or uniform.
 - A waiver does exist for either the broad-based or uniform requirements.
 - Jon: Is there a category or group set up under CHASE where some facilities are not paying the 6% resulting in the need for the waiver?
 - Reduced fees are charged on managed care days, high volume Medicaid and CICP hospitals.
 - Overview of the [CMS informational bulletin dated 2/17/2023](#).
- CHASE Payments
 - Payments include Inpatient, Outpatient and DSH Allotment
 - Bob Vasil: Pointed out that the Board gets the final model in the same meeting that they're asked to vote on it. Is it possible to see the model a meeting prior to allow for more time to review it before the vote?
 - Nancy Dolson: Happy to take direction from the Board, and willing to do so. In the past, the analysts have presented their work to propose one model. Also willing to meet with any Board member who'd like a more in-depth review of the model in a separate meeting.
- Upper payment limit requirements
- Hospital payment categories

5. Department Updates - Nancy Dolson and Matt Haynes

- 2023 Legislation
- Hospital Transformation Program (HTP)
 - Brief overview of the HTP program, milestones, goals and timeline
 - HTP Symposium held in June 2023 was well attended



- HTP Community Advisory Council meetings are postponed until January 2024 and may be dissolved or repurposed as it has served its purpose as it relates to Community Benefit and the HTP
- Ryan Westrom suggested that the Council may consider meeting as a stakeholder engagement group and/or policy implementation recommendation group and report to CMS directly instead of the CHASE Board.
- Mannat Singh asked about the request for a CHASE member to consider volunteering to chair or co-chair the Council. Will that be for the meeting proposed in January 2024?
- Decision proposed to be made in December 2023 meeting.
- Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP)
 - Matt Haynes gave an overview of HQIP and program updates (see handout)
 - New measures and changes in the works for the 2025 application

6. Public Comment

- Mark Levine: Been on the Community Advisory Council for several years. Voiced concern regarding the possible disassembly of the HTP Community Advisory Council. Neighborhood and community are not defined terms, which may lead to ineffective recommendations. As a member of the Accountable Care Collaborative Program Improvement Advisory Committee, there's a lot of opportunity to be in meaningful community engagement.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm. The next scheduled meeting is October 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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