

Welcome

Purpose

The purpose of these Stakeholder Meetings is for HCPF to share information in regards to House Bill 24-1399 and Senate Bill 24-116 as well as receive feedback from Stakeholders.

Feedback and/or suggestions can be given during these meetings or via email to:

- hcpf_CICPCorrespondence@state.co.us
- hcpf_HospDiscountCare@state.co.us

Materials will be available on the [Hospital Discounted Care](#) and [Colorado Indigent Care Program \(CICP\)](#) websites.

Senate Bill 24-116

Senate Bill (SB) 24-116 “Discounted Care for Indigent Patients” makes changes to Hospital Discounted Care, including:

- Allowing payment plans of 6% for facilities who bill for their employed or contracted professionals
- Adding definitions of Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services
- Excluding primary care provided at clinics located in rural or frontier counties who have a sliding fee scale approved by HCPF

Senate Bill 24-116 (cont.)

Senate Bill (SB) 24-116 “Discounted Care for Indigent Patients” makes changes to Hospital Discounted Care, including:

- Requiring Licensed Health Care Professionals to submit their own Hospital Discounted Care data to HCPF
- Disqualifying patients from being eligible for Hospital Discounted Care at a hospital that has chosen to become a Presumptive Eligibility (PE) site if the patient is determined to be presumptively eligible for Health First Colorado/CHP +

House Bill 24-1399

House Bill (HB) 24-1399 “Discounted Care for Indigent Patients” makes changes to various programs, laws, and payments, including:

- Sunsetting the CICP effective July 1, 2025
- Updating the Primary Care Fund to include patients at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG), and creating the Primary Care Fund Annual Report beginning February 2026
- Creating the Hospital Discounted Care Advisory Committee
- Directing HCPF and the Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board to make updates to the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment rules, including removing participation in CICP from the eligibility requirements since the program is sunsetting

Implementation Timeline - 24-116 Rules

- Rules for most of the changes contained in SB 24-116 are scheduled to go to Medical Service Board (MSB):
 - Public Rule Review Meeting: November 18, 2024
 - Initial date: December 13, 2024
 - Final date: January 10, 2025
 - Effective date: March 15, 2025

Implementation Timeline - 24-1399 Rules

- Rules for updates contained in HB 24-1399 related to CACP, Primary Care Fund, and Hospital Discounted Care are in the early stages of drafting and planned to go to MSB as scheduled:
 - Public Rule Review Meeting: March 24, 2025
 - Initial date: April 11, 2025
 - Final date: May 9, 2025
 - Effective date: July 1, 2025
- Rules for updates in HB 24-1399 related to DSH will go to MSB in Spring 2025, dates to be determined.

Timeline - Presumptive Eligibility

- Presumptive Eligibility (PE) is the part of 24-116 that will take longest to implement
 - Necessary system updates to add new PE groups
 - Coordination of multiple HCPF groups
 - New policies for Hospital Discounted Care
- Current timeline:
 - Hospital Discounted Care Policy - Spring 2025
 - Rules - October 2025 initial MSB meeting for expected January 2026 effective date
 - This timeline may change
 - PE Site applications and training - TBD

Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The following dates and topics have been announced, still we would like Stakeholder input on additional implementation topic requests. (topics may be subject to change).

- **January 13, 2025** - Review of updated communications on CACP Sunset
- **February 11, 2025** - Plan/timeline of Presumptive Eligibility (PE) implementation; PE updates as available; Initial discussion on Hospital Discounted Care PE policy considerations
- **March 12, 2025** - CACP/Primary Care Fund/Hospital Discounted Care rule process update; First draft of PE policy, continued discussion of considerations
- **April 16, 2025** - Draft PE policy updates, consideration of additional stakeholder input; PE implementation updates as available

Stakeholder Meeting Topics (cont.)

- **May 13, 2025** - Draft PE policy updates; PE implementation updates as available
- **June 17, 2025** - PE implementation updates as available; Application timeline for new PE sites; Training for PE sites - schedule, mass or individual training
- **July 14, 2025**- PE implementation updates as available; Additional topics TBD
- **August 13, 2025**- PE implementation updates as available; Additional topics TBD
- **September 16, 2025**- PE implementation updates as available; Additional topics TBD
- **October 22, 2025**- PE implementation updates as available; Additional topics TBD

Dates

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- **January 13, 2025**
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- **April 16, 2025**
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Topics

- Communications on CICP Sunset for Providers and Patients
- Presumptive Eligibility (PE) implementation
- Hospital Discounted Care PE policy and considerations
- CICP/Primary Care Fund/Hospital Discounted Care rule process and updates
- PE implementation updates as available
- Application timeline and Training for new PE sites

Additional Topics?

Provider Communication

- Providers should begin informing patients of the program's end, including what they owe for services may change.
- HCPF is currently working with the CHASE board on how DSH eligibility will change after the sunset. HCPF will report their progress to and seek feedback from the CACP Advisory Council.
- Co-pay cards are not mandated under Hospital Discounted Care, still HCPF encourages providers to continue issuing cards to patients who qualify.
 - The Hospital Discounted Care determination letter will continue to be required to be provided to patients

Provider Resources

[Hospital Discounted Care](#) for Providers

[Cover All Coloradans](#) for Providers

[CHASE Board](#) Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE)

[HB24-1399](#) Discounted Care for Indigent Patients

[SB24-116](#) Discounted Care for Indigent Patients

[HB21-1198](#) Health-care Billing Requirements For Indigent Patients

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Patient Communication

- A list of resources is included below to help guide you through this transition. Patients are encouraged to reach out to their place of care to inquire what discounted care options they may have moving forward.
- Facilities may stop providing co-pay cards for financial assistance options that will be available after the CACP ends.
- For CACP clinic patients - check with your clinic for their financial assistance options. Clinics may continue to give co-pay cards for their own internal programs, but these cards may not be transferable between clinics.

Patient Communication (cont.)

- For Hospital patients - if you are receiving services at a hospital and qualified for CACP through a hospital, patients automatically qualified for Hospital Discounted Care as well. Hospital providers are required to provide a determination letter to their patients who qualify for Hospital Discounted Care. These determination letters can be used at other hospitals.
- As of January 1, 2025, expanded health coverage for pregnant people and children, known as Cover All Coloradans, will expand Health First Colorado and CHP+ benefits to children and people who are pregnant regardless of their immigration or citizenship status.

Patient Resources

- [Hospital Discounted Care](#) website for patients
- [Health First Colorado](#) Medicaid website
- [CHP Plus](#) Child Health Plan Plus for children
- [Emergency Medicaid Services](#) for health benefits for children and pregnant persons
- [Connect for Health Colorado](#) reduced-cost health insurance options
- [OmniSalud](#) low-cost health insurance options for undocumented people
- [Colorado Community Health Network \(CCHN\)](#) information on community health centers
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Questions?

Reminder: Key Dates



- 24-116 Rules December 13, 2024
- Next Stakeholder Meeting on January 13, 2025
- CICP Advisory Council Meeting on January 27, 2025
- HB 24-1399 Rules April 11, 2025
- CICP sunsets on July 1, 2025

Thank You!

- ❖ For more information about HB 24-1399:
<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1399>
- ❖ For more information about SB 24-116:
<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-116>

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