



**The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) is holding a follow-up meeting on updates to the proposed Pediatric Behavioral Therapy (PBT) rule.**

Dear Pediatric Behavioral Therapy Provider:

A second stakeholder meeting will be held to review updates to the proposed rule for PBT providers and answer questions based on feedback received thus far. This session builds on the [September 29, 2025, meeting](#) and the feedback received from providers, families, and partners in the initial engagements regarding the proposed rule. The Department will review how feedback has been incorporated.

Registrants will receive the updated proposed policy language before the stakeholder meeting.

**Why these updates are happening**

A recent federal review found inconsistencies in how some PBT staff were trained and supervised. The review also identified problems with documentation and the kinds of services that were billed to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program). Colorado could lose federal Medicaid funding if this is not fixed promptly. Federal dollars pay for about half of all PBT services. The state's current budget constraints and ongoing legal considerations also require clear standards for these services. Together, these factors make rule changes necessary now to align with federal expectations and protect funding for Health First Colorado's PBT program.

**Goals of the emergency rule**

- Set explicit standards consistent with federal requirements
- Ensure all staff who provide PBT services are properly trained and supervised
- Give PBT providers clear guidance so they know what to expect
- Protect children and families by maintaining safe, high-quality care
- Safeguard Colorado's Medicaid funding for these important services

**What this means for providers**

These updates may raise questions or concerns. The goal of the Department is to make

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expectations clear and to support providers and families through the transition. The emergency rule enables needed protections to take effect immediately to reduce the risk of lost funding and service impacts. The Department will keep working with partners on additional PBT policy moving forward.

**Meeting date and time:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MT

- Intended Audiences: Health First Colorado families, providers, advocacy groups, and other impacted communities

**Registration and location:** the meeting will be virtual via [Zoom](#). Register in advance or at the start of the webinar. Once registered, a unique link to join the meeting will be received. This is tied to registration and will not work for anyone else.

If unable to attend, the meeting recording will be posted to the [Emergency Rule: Pediatric Behavioral Therapy \(PBT\) Providers Stakeholder Meeting Part 2 web page](#) after the meeting.

### **Meeting Accommodation and Language Access Notice**

Auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities and language services for individuals whose first language is not English may be provided upon request. Notify the meeting organizer, Ryan Lazo, at [hcpf\\_stakeholders@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_stakeholders@state.co.us), or the Civil Rights Officer at [hcpf504ada@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf504ada@state.co.us), at least one (1) week prior to the meeting to make arrangements.

Las ayudas y servicios auxiliares para individuos con discapacidades y servicios de idiomas para individuos cuyo idioma materno no sea inglés pueden estar disponibles por solicitud. Comuníquese con organizador de reuniones Ryan Lazo a [hcpf\\_stakeholders@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_stakeholders@state.co.us), o con el oficial de derechos civiles a [hcpf504ada@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf504ada@state.co.us), al menos una (1) semana antes de la reunión para hacer los arreglos necesarios.

Providers may contact the [Provider Services Call Center](#) with any questions.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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