

CCBHC Monthly Forum

August 27, 2025

Presented by: Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration and
the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Our Missions

BHA

Co-create a people-first behavioral health system that meets the needs of all people in Colorado

HCPF

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.



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What We Do

HCPF:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing administers Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) and other health care programs for Coloradans who qualify.

BHA:

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is the state administration responsible for ensuring all people in Colorado have access to quality mental health and substance use disorder services, regardless of where they live, or ability to pay.

Agenda

- CCBHC Planning Grant Updates
 - Timeline Review
 - Grant vs Demonstration vs Benefits
- Subcommittee Work Update
- Next Steps
- Questions and Discussion

Planning Grant Roadmap

12-month Process	Planning for CCBHC Implementation (January 2025 – December 2025)											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Steering committee(s)	Develop committee(s)		Maintain committees, subcommittees, and partnerships (e.g., state clinics, associations) with regular meeting cadences, notes, and deliverables to ensure stakeholder and community engagement in the CCBHC demo									
Populations & service areas	Solicit input from focus populations, identify potential CCBHCs & their service areas					Identify population health needs and secure insight from those communities, work with providers to select initial sites and regions they will serve as CCBHCs						
CCBHC training & education	Identify and provide TA needs for providers (e.g., CCBHC-PPS, billing, quality measures) as possible											
Infrastructure for data quality	Identify data collection infrastructure needs and begin processes for quality measurement					Onboard and maintain technology platforms for clinic and state efforts to ensure accurate measurement of quality measures and population health needs						
Assess clinic & community needs	Launch and complete community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments					Assure clinics' community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments are complete, accurate and aligned for criteria and certification needs						
Scope of Services & Certification	Finalize Scope of Services and activities that will be included in certification & PPS rate				Formalize CCBHC criteria & Create certification process			Work with clinics to meet SAMHSA and state certification criteria, certify clinics, and plan for future certifications				
Establish CCBHC-PPS					Select CCBHC PPS		Establish a CCBHC PPS system and work with clinics to help calculate a clinic-specific rate			Establish payment operations & review cost reports		
CMS Approval for CCBHC												Prepare to apply for the Demonstration in 2026



Planning Grant to Demonstration

November 2025

- Auditable cost report due
 - For July 2026-June 2027 rate

April 2026

- Provisionally onboard at least 2 centers for Phase 1

July 2026

- Demonstration begins

November 2026

- Auditable cost report due
 - Rebase rates for July 2027-June 2028



What is a Demonstration?

Grant vs Demonstration vs Benefit/State Policy

Planning Grant	Demonstration	Benefit
Funding to use over 12 months to support the work of building the infrastructure of how the state will implement a demonstration. Define what Quality Measurement, Certification and Prospective Payment System will look like in practice during demonstration.	Opportunity to test a new strategy for delivering and reimbursing a comprehensive array of services provided in community behavioral health clinics. The demonstration aims to improve the access, quality, and outcomes of outpatient services provided in these clinics.	State Policy to implement a benefit long term if it has proven to improve access, quality, and outcomes of outpatient services provided.

Certification Subcommittee



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Scope of Services

9 Required Services:

- Crisis services
- Outpatient mental health and substance use services
- Person- and family-centered treatment planning
- Community-based mental health care for veterans
- Peer family support and counselor services
- Targeted care management
- Outpatient primary care screening and monitoring
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services
- Screening, diagnosis and risk assessment





Provider Readiness Assessment

- We currently have a Provider Readiness Assessment Tool
- This will be part of the certification process, designed to help providers determine where they are in relation to CCBHC requirements



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Memorandum #1

- The memo will be used for broad communication efforts around CCBHC implementation
- Provides a background of the CCBHC model, Colorado's approach, and sub-regulatory guidance
- Serves as a starting point for education and outreach with stakeholders
- Includes an introduction to the provider selection process and timelines

PPS Subcommittee



Prospective Payment System

The PPS Subcommittee has chosen to recommend the scope of services aligned with the Certification Subcommittee recommendation

- Aligned with CSNP PPS with additional CCBHC requirements
- Must ensure access to MAT but not required to be an OTP
- Triggering events align with the current CSNP PPS



Prospective Payment System

Members also discussed:

- The State's future PPS oversight strategy
- Allowable costs and the need to prioritize demo participants based on the resource lift to bring participants to full model fidelity
- Potential operational challenges associated with different implementation scenarios
- The need to have participation requirements available for providers to begin to understand potential pool of participants.

Quality Measures Data Management Subcommittee

CCBHC Technical Project Team



Michael Feldmiller

Chief Information Officer

Role: Data Strategy, Technology Adoption



Sandra Arreola

Director of Data Engineering

Role: Data Warehousing, Interoperability



Rachel Artz-Steinberg

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Role: Project Coordination, Timelines, Resources



Steve Bird

Data Engineer

Role: Access & Data Security, Snowflake



Jennifer Ammerman

Performance Programs Manager

Role: Quality Measures

Connectivity in the Community

Carina Health Network is an established nonprofit technical partner in the Colorado safety-net community. We support data access, interoperability, and data warehousing, clinical quality reporting, technical assistance, and community improvement activities here in Colorado.

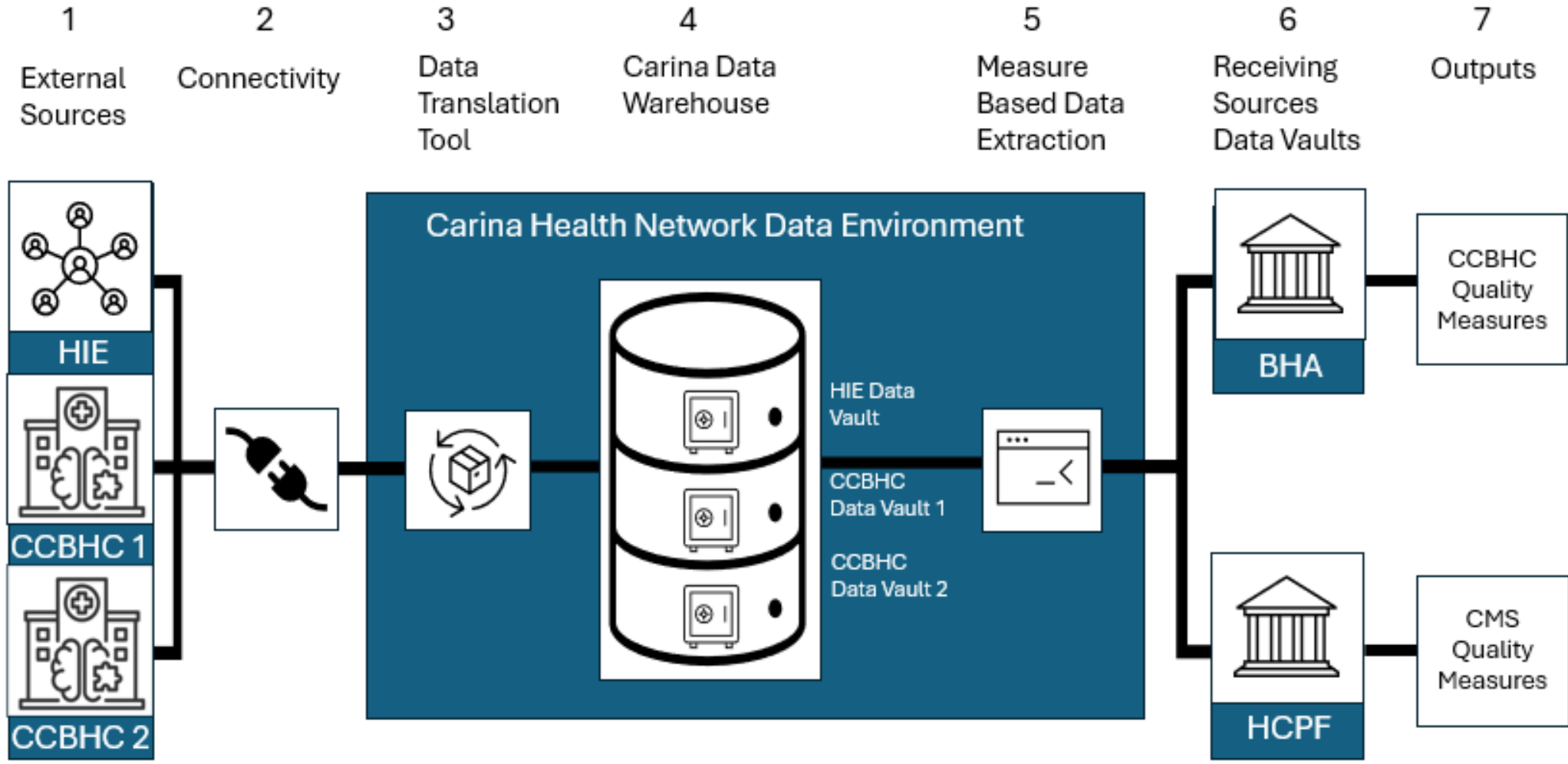
We have long standing technical partnerships with:

- HCPF, OeHI, Contexture, CDPHE, CIVHC

We have long standing connectivity and program support with:

- FQHCs, Rural Health Centers, Critical Access Hospitals, CSNPs, and one Urban Indian Health Center.
 - We support EHR-agnostic connectivity
 - We meet organizations where they are
 - We prioritize patient privacy and data security

Technical Architecture Diagram



Engagement Opportunities

- CCBHC Steering Committee Meeting
- Monthly Subcommittees
 - Certification/Provider
 - Quality Measure and Data Collection
 - PPS & Finance
- Register on the [CCBHC Webpage](#)
- Share feedback here: [Feedback Survey](#)



Next Steps

- Upcoming information for TA
- Ongoing Subcommittee work continues
- Prepare for the next quarter's grant reporting requirements





Resources

HCPF Behavioral Health Benefits Inbox:
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HCPF Websites:
[Behavioral Health](#) (calendar of stakeholder engagements)
[CCBHC](#)
[Newsletters](#)

Federal Updates:
[Understanding Potential Federal Funding Cuts](#)



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