

Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter



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Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. I am going to keep the intro brief as there are lots of exciting things on the go with HTP. Hopefully you are all enjoying the hints of spring in between the cold fronts and bits of snow, as we inch closer to warmer weather!

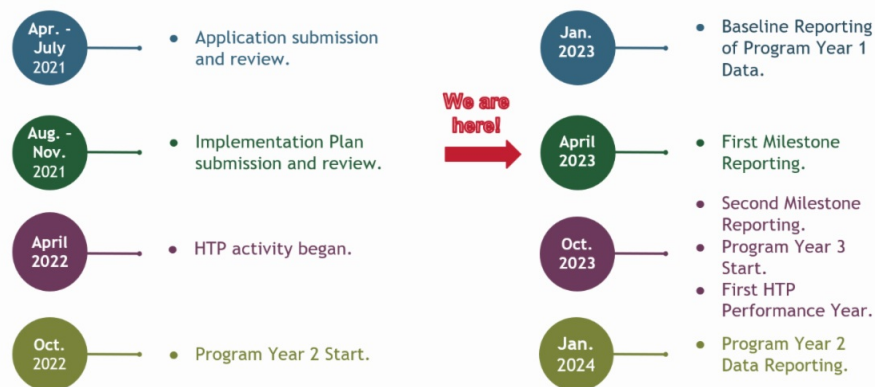


This month we had our first HTP milestone reporting! Registration is now open for in person and virtual options for the HTP Learning Symposium this summer! We appreciate the tremendous amount of intervention activity and community engagement ongoing with our hospitals and HTP community partners and stakeholders. There are also many activities touching on and supporting HTP work, and we have a lot of great information, news, trainings, and updates in this month's newsletter. Thank you for reading!

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HTP Timeline

HTP Timeline & Milestones



HTP Workgroups

The [HTP Hospital Workgroup](#) will occur on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The agenda will include PY2Q1 overview, PY2Q2 status update and milestone reporting. This workgroup will also cover milestone reporting, overview, submissions and components. This workgroup will also go over the HTP learning symposium and registration options!

Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program (SB 22-200)

- The nine-member Rural Provider Access and Affordability Advisory Committee began meeting Sept. 7 and met every two weeks through November 2022.

- With the advisory committee's recommendations, HCPF presented rules to the **Medical Services Board in December 2022** and presented again in January 2023 for the final hearing.
- Grant applications are now open. Award determinations will be made and grant agreements executed by June 2023.
- Information about the grant and advisory committee [is available on our website](#).

Release of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) Tools and Reports

During the March Health Cabinet Affordability Summit, HCPF debuted a Breakeven Analysis and a Hospital Price Transparency Scorecard. Explanations of these tools are provided below.

- HCPF reviewed 83 of Colorado's general and critical access Colorado hospitals' downloadable files and shoppable service estimator tools or displays. Each was evaluated using a scorecard that was marked "Y" if it meets federal criteria or "N" if it does not meet federal criteria. HCPF has developed a good, fair, poor rating that measures the quality of adherence to federal price transparency rules.
- Breakeven is defined as the commercial reimbursement rate that would cover all of a hospital's current expenses for inpatient and outpatient services, without profit. Specifically, HCPF's Breakeven Analysis Tool provides information on commercial payment amounts necessary to breakeven, which focuses on commercial (non-government) payers.

These tools provide the insights needed to help hospitals evolve their affordability strategies, legislators craft affordability policy, and employers improve their hospital negotiating positions - all intended to save people money on health care. These reports also demonstrate HCPF's and Colorado's nationally leading position on hospital transparency, review, analysis and tools. [Visit The Hospital Reports Hub for full access](#).

CHA Academy for Clinical Excellence: Health Care Quality Professional Certification Track

- Noon - 1:15 p.m. | Every Tuesday | April 4 - May 9 | \$175 members | Learn more and register [here](#)
- The Health Care Quality Professional Certification track is designed to help participants expand their knowledge while preparing for the Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) exam. This instructor-led series provides a comprehensive review of CPHQ material through six sessions. Participants will also be able to test their understanding of the content with weekly sample exam test questions.
- The Health Care Quality Professional Certification track is newly designed for spring 2023 and will incorporate the new exam content outline that takes effect on March 15, 2023.

Free Chronic Kidney Disease ECHO® Series

In partnership with the National Kidney Foundation, Telligen is excited to offer the Chronic Kidney Disease ECHO® Series. This series kicks off Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 12 to 1 p.m. CST Sessions will take place every other Tuesday at 12 to 1 p.m. CST or Thursday at 1 to 2 p.m. CST

Curriculum topics will include:

- Screening and diagnosis of chronic kidney disease (CKD), overview of diagnosis, disparities at local level
- SGLT2 inhibitors and GLP-1 agonists in CKD and diabetes
- Hypertension screening and management and its relationship to CKD
- Diabetes management: education and support
- When and how: referral to nephrology and how to co-manage patients
- Insulin management in patients with CKD and diabetes
- Management of CKD complications and dialysis patients
- Lifestyle management in chronic disease

- Patient activation and health literacy

Target audience:

Primary care providers as well as any health care professionals involved in the care of patients living with chronic disease.

Panel of experts will include:

- Nephrologists
- Primary care providers
- Nephrology pharmacy specialist
- Registered dietitian
- Social worker
- Patients with CKD

[Access the Link to this series here.](#)

New Tool Assists Blind and Low-Vision Coloradans in Navigating State Locations & Online Services

Every Coloradan deserves equal access to essential state services. Which is why the State of Colorado is thrilled to offer a new service for blind and low-vision Coloradans called [Aira](#). Lt. Governor Diane Primavera announced the launch of Aira last week and shared details about the technology and its benefits via [this video](#).

Through OIT's partnership with Aira, an app that provides live, on-demand visual interpreting through human-to-human assistance, Coloradans will get free access for up to 30 minutes per session while navigating state locations, websites and applications.

[Please share this far and wide as we work to reduce barriers to services and create a more equitable Colorado!](#)

Colorado Broadband Mapping Hub is Here!

The Colorado Broadband Office (CBO) has launched a new [Broadband Mapping Hub](#) that is an easy-to-use, complete resource for providers, cities, schools and communities to assist in broadband planning, finding partnerships and applying for broadband funding. The hub is also the place where Coloradans can access a wealth of broadband-related resources. Here are just a few of things you can find:

- **A new [broadband coverage map](#).** Now with more information, like households served or internet speeds, the new map is searchable by your area of interest (county, municipality, school district, legislative district or region). Residents can enter their address to find available broadband service, information about grants in the area and typical speeds from nearby speed tests.
- **A high-level look at broadband in Colorado.** View the hub dashboard for a quick look at the state's internet speeds, households served, grant awards and proposed broadband projects.
- **Broadband projects funded by the state.** The [Grant Awards Dashboard](#) provides an overview of CBO grants, awards and the progress made in awarded projects. It allows users to filter by funding program, project status and area of interest.
- **Everything needed to apply for funding.** Applicants can view program eligibility guidelines and find resources to prepare applications through the [Grant Discovery Portal](#). It includes state and federal broadband grant layers, broadband coverage data and demographic data.
- **Downloadable data sources.** The hub includes links to authoritative data sources used in Colorado's maps, including CBO data, FCC data, U.S. Census and demography data, and other mapping resources.
- **A survey to share your internet experience.** The CBO [Broadband Survey & Speed Test](#) allows Coloradans to test their home or business internet speed and share valuable information directly with the CBO.

Share this resource with your friends and neighbors to help create better awareness as

the state works to bring broadband to more than 99% of Coloradans by 2027.

Growing the Health Care Workforce

Help build the health & child care workforce by spreading the word to your patients, community, and staff about these once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunities!

Please help us grow the health care workforce as well as the child care workforce. Please print and display these time-limited training opportunity communications in your patient waiting rooms, exam rooms, staff break rooms and other related areas. The links below include a poster that can be printed and a digital display that can go on TV screens in patient or staff areas. [Print and digital resources are online.](#)

The first poster communicates free, short-term training for in-demand health care professions (i.e. CNA, EMT, MA, pharm tech, etc). The second poster also communicates free early childhood education courses to become a certified child care professional. Both of these free education opportunities are essential to revitalizing the health care workforce, while offering upward mobility for low-income Coloradans seeking new career paths. If these communications get to the right people - specifically Medicaid members - they can be life-changing, giving people a once-in-a-life-time opportunity for free certifications that create a meaningfully different income trajectory, while helping grow the workforce.

Please help fully leverage these unique educational and career advancement opportunities by displaying these important communications today!

Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment

This is a training for health and mental health care providers through Peer Assistance Services. This training provides interactive training for health and mental health professionals on the evidence-based approach of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). Screening assists providers in identifying and intervening with patients at risk for health problems due to alcohol and other drug use.

Learning Objectives:

- Summarize the relationship between substance use and health
- Describe SBIRT as an evidence-based public health approach for screening patients for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use
- Demonstrate how to incorporate SBIRT into practice

Contact SBIRTinfo@peerassistanceservices.org to schedule a training for your organization.

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) and Care on Location (CoL) supporting RAE 4 hospital HTP efforts

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) Virtual Community and Health Neighborhood Learning Collaboratives HCI (RAE 4) will be hosting a series of four community and health neighborhood learning collaboratives on March 27-30, 2023, highlighting the work of the HCI community grant awardees and hospitals. The four geography specific events will allow key stakeholders to network and collaborate with partners and community members in their own backyard(s)!

Targeted Audience

- Internal HCI teams (Members services, CC, QI, Practice Transformation, etc.)
- Delegated Care Coordination Entities
- Local Hospitals
- Primary Care and Behavioral Health Providers and staff
- Local community partners

- Board of Directors
- Members
- IOGs
- CCB/SEBs

HCI and CoL have been meeting with several hospitals interested in collaborating. For those wanting to learn more about this opportunity can reach out to Christina Brown christina@healthcolorado.health

Telligen Learning Assets and Support

[Telligen QI Connect™](#) provides [no-cost support throughout CO](#). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) funds and calls upon both the Telligen Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) and Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC) teams to help with many of the same challenges you are tackling head on through your HTP and HQIP work locally. You are invited by Telligen QI Connect™ to:

- Join any of the QIN-QIO and/or HQIC events that can be found on the [events calendar](#).
 - Receive push notifications of QIN-QIO events and resources by joining the (no cost, no obligation) QIN-QIO network [here](#).
 - Think of Telligen QI Connect™ as [no-cost workforce extenders](#). Do you have vacant positions, gaps in internal resources, employee orientation or education needs for specific topic areas, or a wish/to do list of important tasks that you haven't been able to get to? [Ask us if we can help!](#)
 - Request [enhanced technical assistance](#) by [submitting a request here](#).
 - Contact Meredith Koob, mkoob@telligen.com with any questions.
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Community Engagement Resource

The Assessing Community Engagement project from the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) [Leadership Consortium: Collaboration for a Value & Science-Driven Health System](#) is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Guided by a committee of national and community leaders who reflect diverse backgrounds and perspectives, the project aims to provide community-engaged, effective, and evidence-based tools to those who want to measure engagement to ensure that it is meaningful and impactful, with a special emphasis on ensuring equity as a critical input and outcome. As part of this effort, the Organizing Committee developed the [Assessing Community Engagement Conceptual Model \(ACE-CoM\)](#), which identifies outcomes associated with meaningful community engagement. More information is on their [website](#).

Thanks to the Community Advisory Council (CAC) for sharing this resource.

Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention Act (HB22-1326)

[House Bill 1326](#) officially dubbed the Fentanyl Accountability And Prevention Act, will go into effect July 1, 2023. There is a lot that the bill implements. One area of note for HTP hospitals who are implementing interventions to initiate Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the emergency department, is that the bill requires community correctional facilities to begin providing MAT - considered the gold-standard way to treat opioid-use disorders. If they can't offer MAT, the programs must help inmates assess MAT providers in the community.

Colorado AIM Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative

[Colorado AIM: Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative \(CO AIM: SUD\)](#) is a cohort

of hospital labor and delivery units (L&Ds) receiving technical assistance and peer-learning opportunities to improve the quality of patient care for pregnant and postpartum people in Colorado experiencing substance use, depression, or anxiety. This can boost your team's performance if you've chosen measures on HTP related to screening and referral for perinatal depression and anxiety, social needs screening and notification, or discharge planning with RAE notification for mental illness or substance use disorder.

In 2023, CO AIM: SUD has some exciting new offerings!

The opportunity to sign up for a new program through [IMPACT BH](#) to receive one-on-one, hands-on support from a team of experts on initiating medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and dispensing take-home naloxone on inpatient L&D. Each L&D will receive \$2,000 for staff appreciation for participating! This new offering is funded by the Behavioral Health Administration; hospitals can partake even if they do not participate in CO AIM: SUD.

- A new CPCQC QI Awards Program that offers any participating CO AIM: SUD team the ability to earn up to \$400 for staff appreciation funds per quarter, per L&D, for active participation in the project! Hospitals will also be eligible to earn year-end awards.

[Supporting Vaginal Delivery for Low Risk Mothers \(SOAR\)](#) is an initiative to reduce unnecessary cesarean delivery for low-risk, first-time mothers. CPCQC works with hospital L&D units to provide technical assistance in implementing recommendations on NTSV Cesarean reduction from ACOG and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM). This initiative can help you meet your primary Cesarean goals for CMS or the HQIP Cesarean section measure.

SOAR has exciting new opportunities this year for hospital teams!

- A new CPCQC QI Awards program that offers any SOAR team the ability to earn up to \$200 for staff appreciation funds per quarter, per L&D, for quarterly data submissions. Hospitals will also be eligible to earn year-end awards.

To learn more, email info@cpcqc.org.

Public Dashboard

The Collaboration, Performance and Analytics System (CPAS) hospitals will be using for HTP has a public dashboard that stakeholders can access to view each participating hospital's measures and interventions. The information is sortable and can be exported into Microsoft Excel. This is a nice tool for exploring all the interventions that the hospitals will be implementing and the measures that the interventions are focused on. Go to the new [dashboard](#).

Community Advisory Council

The Community Advisory Council is currently looking to recruit new members!

Community Advisory Council meetings continue to take place monthly to provide important perspectives to the HTP as well as community awareness of and engagement with the program. The next meeting is May 1, 2023. Agendas, materials, and notes from previous meetings are on the [Community Advisory Council website](#).

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting

The next Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting will take place [via Zoom](#) on **Tuesday, Apr. 25, at 3 p.m.**

Additional information about the board, as well as meeting materials, are on the [CHASE Board website](#).

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