

Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter



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Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the January 2023 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. Hospitals and the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing are focused on our annual data collection period for HTP. The data reported for October 2021 through September 2022 will be used as baseline data to help set benchmarks for HTP performance in future years. We will be focused on supporting hospitals throughout the month. This month's newsletter includes some reminders of important opportunities and other updates of activities going on this month. Thanks for reading!



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HTP Timeline

HTP Timeline & Milestones



HTP Reporting Office Hours

There will be HTP Year 2 Quarter 1 [Quarterly Reporting Office Hours](#) scheduled from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday Jan. 13 and 20.

HTP ED ALTO Office Hours

Due to the changes in the ED ALTO measure, the HTP will be holding office hours to go over measure spec changes, and to answer any questions that may arise due to these changes. ED ALTO office hours will be held on [Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.](#), Friday, [Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.](#) and [Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.](#)

HTP Workgroups

The [HTP Hospital Workgroup](#) will occur on Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The agenda will include HTP reporting, claims measures data files, ED ALTO check in, amongst other program updates.

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

- The 9-member Rural Provider Access and Affordability Advisory Committee began meeting on September 7 and met every two weeks through November 2022.
- With the advisory committee's recommendations, **The Department presented rules to our Medical Services Board on Dec. 9, 2022.** The Department will present again in January 2023 for the final hearing.
- Grant applications are expected to open in early spring 2023. Award determinations will be made and grant agreements executed by June 2023.
- Information about the grant and advisory committee is [available on our website](#).

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. 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 supporting RAE 4 hospital HTP efforts

Bridge Care Program

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) is partnering with Care on Location (CoL) to build a Bridge Care program that supports Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) initiatives and RAE 4 Access to Care standards which are amenable to telehealth modalities such as RAH1, RAH2, CP1, SW-CP1, and COE2 and care coordinators being able to connect patients directly to a care source.

Goals:

- Strengthen care transitions and bridge access to care gaps in a timely manner
- Respect local resources and workflows that already exist
- Extend access to care to those who are often lost through the cracks

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

In Case You Missed It: the [Telligen QIN-QIO](#) has no-cost [Learning Assets](#) to offer that are in direct alignment with many of your HTP measures and interventions.

If you have a specific request for technical assistance related to evidence-based interventions, coalition building/strengthening, data and/or quality improvement training, you can [submit a request](#).

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.

Colorado AIM Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative

Improve birth outcomes while boosting your HTP and Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) performance! The Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative (CPCQC) is recruiting new clinical teams and patients with lived experience - especially in the southern and eastern parts of Colorado!

Want to improve care for pregnant and postpartum people with substance use disorder, depression and anxiety? Join CPCQC's [Colorado AIM: Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative](#). This QI learning collaborative 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. This opportunity is also open to outpatient clinics serving pregnant or postpartum people! Please pass the opportunity along to any outpatient clinics you may know.

Want to reduce neonatal complications, especially if you chose that measure for HTP? Join CPCQC's NICU quality improvement programs: [CHoSEN](#) or [DEFINE](#).

Want to reduce first-time, low-risk (NTSV) Cesarean sections, especially if you are working on the **HQIP Cesarean Section Measure**? Join CPCQC's [SOAR initiative](#).

CPCQC would also love to recruit additional patients and family members with lived experience to inform our patient-centered programs. These can be patients or their loved ones with lived experience of Cesarean, birth trauma, substance use disorder, perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, racism, or just someone who has experienced birth first or secondhand and is passionate about improving outcomes.

The southern and eastern areas of Colorado are particularly underrepresented in CPCQC programs, so be sure to pass this along to clinical teams or patients in those areas.

If you're interested in any of the above, please email info@cpcqc.org for more info!

Breaking Through Bias in Maternity Care Training

CPCQC is partnering with March of Dimes to provide both a live and self-paced training for Breaking Through Bias in Maternity Care, an interactive racial bias training. This training is great for anyone who participates in the bedside care of perinatal patients in any setting: nurses, OBs, midwives, neonatologists, doulas, pediatricians, and front desk staff.

Work at your own pace and complete the self-paced, eLearning version of this training by Jan. 30, 2023. This is a 1.5 hour training with the same learning outcomes as the live session. 1.5 CME/CNE are available upon completion. Attendance is first come, first served for 115 participants. [Access the training.](#)

Prescriber Tool

The Department would like to thank all the hospitals for completing their Prescriber Tool attestation form. The Department has now received all the required attestation forms, thank you!

The Prescriber Tool helps Coloradans save money on health care by empowering providers with information on prescription drug costs and affordable alternatives. It reduces the administrative burden for providers, while also improving convenience for patients. The Prescriber Tool is a complementary statewide effort under the Hospital Transformation Program and completion of the attestation process, including submitting a ticket with your EHR vendor if needed, will set hospitals up for success when the Prescriber Tool alternative payment methodology begins.

You can also visit our [Prescriber Tool Project webpage](#) for more information.

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 in Jan. 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, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m.**

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

Helpful Links & Program Contact

[HTP Communications archive](#)

[Community Advisory Council website](#)

[CHASE Board website](#)

[HTP website](#)

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