

Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter



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Hello HTP Stakeholders,

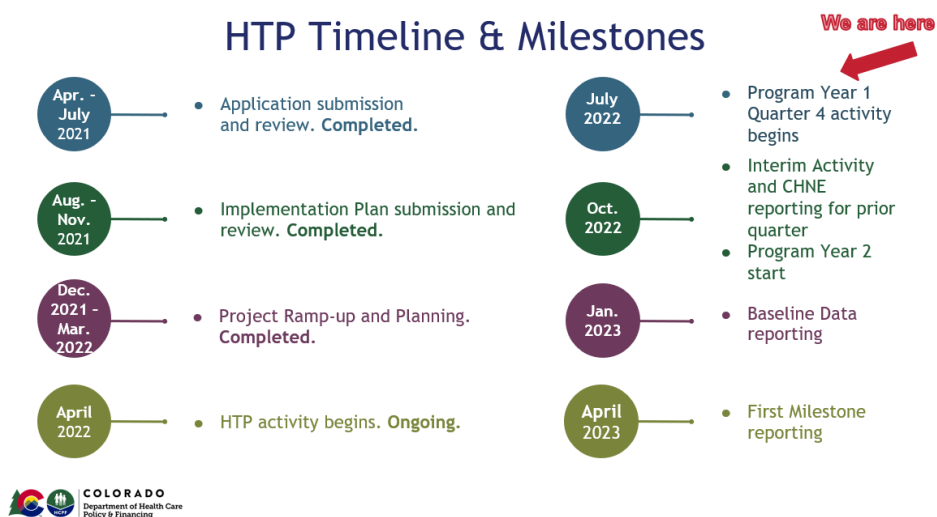
Welcome to the September 2022 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. There's a wisp of Autumn in the air (at least when it's not 95 degrees) and it's State Fair season with all it has to offer with corn dogs, turkey legs, funnel cakes, and the USA Mullet Championships. Not sure this newsletter is as "business in the front - party in the back" as that is, but we do have some great info for you this month. Thanks for reading!



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HTP Timeline

HTP Timeline & Milestones



Hospital Index Dashboard

The Hospital Index dashboard has been refreshed with risk-adjusted data for procedural episodes that occurred between Jan. 1, 2019, and Dec. 31, 2020. The dashboard contains the hospital index scores that were calculated using peer group benchmarks. The dashboard contains the same look and feel as maintained in previous years, with a few additions to filtering selections and other minor data elements. A guideline to the Hospital Index dashboard is under 'Tools and Resources' on the [HTP website](#).

If you have any questions please email them to HCPF_Prometheus@state.co.us. Further, there are office hours regularly held on the last Friday of each month to help with any technical assistance.

Hospital Workgroups

The next Hospital Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2022, at 10 a.m. Agenda

items include: Key lessons learned from the first Interim Activity and CHNE reporting FAQs, and learning symposium.

For more information regarding the Rural Support Fund please [see the webpage](#).

HTP Website Updates

The [HTP webpages](#) have a new and improved look and feel that we believe makes navigating and finding information easier for visitors to the site. For those active in the program, the main page gives easy access to important program documents such as 'Tools and Resources', 'Measures and Framework Documents,' 'Community and Health Neighborhood Engagement (CHNE)' documents, and recorded trainings.

There is also a link to a new [HTP 101 page](#). This page gives a higher-level overview and some program history for folks who are looking for a more general understanding of the program.

Hospital Discounted Care

Join us in celebrating House Bill 21-1198, which we call [Hospital Discounted Care](#), going into effect! This important law establishes meaningful financial assistance program requirements at all Colorado hospitals and freestanding emergency departments - and the health care practitioners in those settings - for lower-income uninsured and underinsured Coloradans: maximum out of pocket payment, payment plan amounts and duration, collection procedures, and screening and patient rights requirements.

[See media coverage of the new Hospital Discounted Care law](#)

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Funding (SHIP) Grant Funding

Small rural hospitals can apply for funding under the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) grant program. This program supports eligible small rural hospitals in meeting value-based payment and care goals for their respective organizations through purchases of hardware, software, and training.

SHIP also assists such hospitals in participating in delivery system reforms such as to become or join a Medicare Shared Savings Program or Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), participate in other shared saving programs, and purchase health information technology (hardware/software), equipment, and/or training to comply with quality improvement activities such as advancing patient care information, promoting interoperability, and payment bundling.

The deadline for an application is Nov. 8. [Learn more about SHIP Grant funding](#).

Colorado Rural Health Center Safety Net Clinic Videos are Now Available

The Colorado Rural Health Center, the State Office of Rural Health, and the Rural Health Association produce videos each summer to highlight the issues facing our rural members. This year, they traveled to Craig and Hugo to explore workforce shortages and the housing crunch. [Take a look!](#) It's probably the one time of year when going to the movies is a work task. Enjoy!

Colorado Hospital Association Social Determinants Learning Series

The Colorado Hospital Association has completed its first three sessions in its new learning series designed to equip hospitals with the knowledge and tools they need to

strategically address social determinants of health (SDoH) and improve health equity in Colorado.

The series, [Fundamentals of Social Determinants of Health in Hospitals: Improving Health Equity Across Colorado](#), is convening hospitals from around the state to provide insight on contributors to SDoH and lay the foundation for future work aimed at addressing health disparities in the state. Participants will gain an understanding of the opportunity to improve health equity in hospitals and leave with action-oriented tools to make a difference in their organizations.

With an increasing focus on SDoH principles from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and many components of the state's Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) and Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) program, now is the time for hospitals to come together and engage around these critically important topics.

This 11-session virtual learning series includes a mix of keynote presentations from industry experts, panel discussions from hospital and health equity leaders, and breakout sessions to support building an equity-focused network in Colorado. All sessions will be recorded and made available to series participants.

We look forward to your participation! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) Fall 2022 Community Reinvestment Program

Attention RAE 4 Health Neighborhood and Community Partners!

Developed in line with our commitment to supporting and reinvesting funds in community programs, the [HCI Community Reinvestment Program](#) supports community-oriented and innovative projects that improve the overall health, wellness, and experience of Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members across the region. The Community Reinvestment Program is funded using incentive payments HCI earned for achieving Behavioral Health Incentive Program (BHIP) measures, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and the Performance Pool set by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF).

Additionally, RAE 4 hospitals are invited to participate in the quarterly Community Reinvestment Learning Collaborative. This will provide you all with the opportunity to collaborate and learn about the work in the community, as well as in the hospitals on Sept. 19.

[Join the meeting](#)

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Join Community Forums to Discuss the Alternative Payment Model for Primary Care (APM 1)

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) is hosting a series of community forums to provide updates on the [Alternative Payment Model for Primary Care \(APM 1\)](#) and solicit feedback from stakeholders to inform changes for program year 2023.

Community forums are open to the public. We encourage participation from primary care medical providers taking part in APM 1, as well as all Colorado stakeholders with an interest in investments in primary care, performance and accountability, and HCPF plans for value-based payment reform.

Session #2: Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

[Register here](#)

Session #3: Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

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.

Regional Health Connector (RHC) Program

In 2021, the RHC program received funding from [Senate Bill 21-137](#) to improve mental and behavioral health systems across the state of Colorado. Each RHC conducted regional assessments by analyzing national, state, and local data to identify priority gaps in behavioral and mental health services. Based on this data, RHCs proposed projects intended to address these priority gaps and improve health equity using local knowledge, services, and assets. Trailhead Institute shares a summary of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act (BHRA) projects that resulted from this funding and process. Also featured are two stories of impact that illustrate how the BHRA funding was utilized: [Culture as Prevention in Southwest Colorado](#) and [Building Bridges to Muslim Youth for Positive Impact](#).

As a partner/advocate/supporter, The Trailhead Institute encourages you to:

- Read through the summary available on their [website](#) along with stories and their newsletter, and share it with your networks
- Connect with RHCs directly to learn more about their local projects and discover how efforts can align

Reach out to RHC program staff (Gillian Grant & Hannah Groves) or register for an upcoming informational session to learn more about the program and how you can advocate for and support the RHCs.

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!

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](#).

Prescriber Tool

The Prescriber Tool helps Coloradans save money on health care by empowering providers with information on prescription drug costs and affordable alternatives. It reduces administrative burden for providers, while also improving convenience for patients.

The Department will send an attestation form for the prescriber tool to hospitals in early fall. Within the attestation, hospitals will be asked to provide a hospital contact, their EHR vendor, and a verification of real-time benefits inquiry for Health First Colorado members. Hospitals should attest to a verification of functionality and workflow processes, and if not functional, attest to submitting a ticket for their EHR vendor.

Please contact your IT Support Staff, EHR Training Team, or EHR vendor to access the "Real-Time Prescription Benefit" and get training and education materials.

For more information, please [visit our webpage](#) or contact [Lauren Hussey](#).

Community Advisory Council

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

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting

The next Colorado Healthcare

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 on Oct. 17, 2022. Agendas, materials, and notes from previous meetings are on the [Community Advisory Council website](#).

Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting will take place [via Zoom](#) on **Tuesday, Oct. 25, 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](#)

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