

# Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter



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Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Welcome to the October 2023 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. October is a big month for the Hospital Transformation Program, its the start of program year 3, and the first HTP performance year! Hospitals just wrapped up their intervention milestones and completed their community engagement requirements on Sept. 30 and will start their second milestone reporting in October as well. There is a lot to celebrate as we continue our good work around the state!



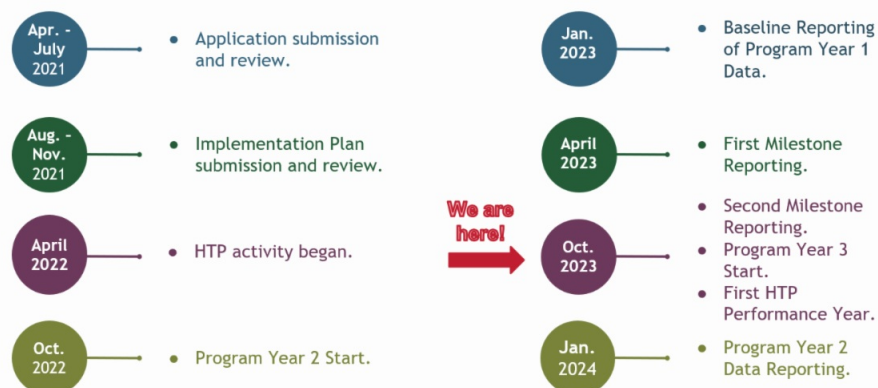
We find ourselves fully immersed in fall, with leaf peeping and apple orchards leading the way to start the month of October, which will eventually make way for pumpkin patches and trick-or-treat to close out the month. The morning air is now a bit crisper, and we have even had the first traces of snow up on the mountains! Enjoy the last little bits of warm weather as we make our way through the “ber” months that will make us say brrrrrrr, more and more frequently.

As always, we’ve got a lot of great opportunities and information in this month’s more brief newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read as you make the most of the first days of fall and enjoy the changing of the beautiful leaves across the state.

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## HTP Timeline

### HTP Timeline & Milestones



## HTP Workgroups

The [HTP Hospital Workgroup](#) will occur Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The agenda will include Milestone uploads, reporting and amendments, FAQ Updates, Performance Measure updates, Performance Year FAQs, Quarterly Reporting scoring, reminders, timeline and scoring review and reconsideration period. This will be a great HTP workgroup that covers all the great things happening in the HTP, and we are excited to see you there!

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## Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Advisory Committee

The [Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Advisory Committee](#) and the HCPF Executive Director have reached a consensus for award recommendations for the Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant of \$10,600,000. HCPF is now working with hospitals to get setup to receive funding.

For more information and to view the list of grant awardees, their projects, and the estimated award amounts [visit the rural provide access and affordability webpage](#). Additional information regarding more grant opportunities is posted on HCPF's [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Grant webpage](#).

Please direct any questions to [hcpf\\_RuralGrantProgram@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_RuralGrantProgram@state.co.us).

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## Rocky Mountain Health Plans 2023 Care Management Training

Each Wednesday this October, Rocky Mountain Health Plans is offering one-hour Care Management Training sessions. Please see the links below for registration information. The weekly one-hour webinars will start today, Oct. 4 and run through Oct. 25 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. MST.

**You must register for each session you plan on attending:**

- Oct. 4: [Care Management Training: Transitional Care Management](#)
- Oct. 11: [Care Management Training: Into the Maze: Care Management for Complex Cases](#)
- Oct. 18: [Care Management Training: Resource Navigation Webinar](#)
- Oct. 25: [Care Management Training: Chronic Care Management](#)

Learn more at the [event page](#) or please reach out to Mary Beckner at [mary.beckner@uhc.com](mailto:mary.beckner@uhc.com) for any questions.

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## Colorado Safety Net Collaborative

The Colorado Safety Net Collaborative has received its IRS nonprofit designation. The Collaborative represents the 40 safety net clinics in Colorado that are not Federally Qualified Health Centers nor Rural Health Centers. The clinics serve Health First Colorado members and the uninsured.

As a result, they are transitioning to independent status and will no longer be using a fiscal intermediary.

**In addition, our new email address is live: [cosafetynet@gmail.com](mailto:cosafetynet@gmail.com).**

These clinics serve people across Colorado in areas CDPHE has identified as high-risk health communities. These clinics provide services at little or no cost to patients, whether they are using Health First Colorado, or they are uninsured or underinsured, which is a growing population that they serve.

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## CO-CARES

Last month, CDPHE officially [launched](#) the Colorado Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Systems (CO-CARES) program aimed at providing support for health care workers across the state. The initiative is a direct result of Senate Bill 22-226: Programs to Support Health Care Workforce.

The Colorado Hospital Association, which led a coalition of health care organizations in supporting the bill, is serving as the hospital outreach partner for the program and

collaborating with CDPHE and the University of Colorado to connect health care workers with resources to support workforce wellness, pandemic recovery, individual and organizational resilience, and more.

Learn more about the program on the CO-CARES [website](#) or reach out to [cha.communications@cha.com](mailto:cha.communications@cha.com) for more information.

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## Screening, Brief Intervention, and 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](mailto:SBIRTinfo@peerassistanceservices.org) to schedule a training for your organization.

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## Target, Assess, Prevent Learning Collaborative

[Target, Assess, Prevent: Strategy for Reducing Hospital Acquired Infections Learning Collaborative](#) featuring subject matter experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and focused on reducing CAUTI, CLABSI, and CDI infections.

[Join this ongoing series](#). This series occurs for an hour and will conclude in October; while material builds on previous series information there are still opportunities for individuals to learn!

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## 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 on the [events calendar](#).
  - Receive push notifications of QIN-QIO events and resources by [joining the \(no cost, no obligation\) QIN-QIO network](#).
  - 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](mailto: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.

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## 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 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.

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## 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 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 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](mailto:info@cpcqc.org).

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## 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 Prescriber Tool is a complementary statewide effort under the Hospital Transformation Program and completion of the attestation process.

[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 has suspended meetings until January 2024.**

As the new year approaches the Council will discuss next steps. As it pertains to providing perspective to the HTP as well as community awareness of and engagement with the program. Previous 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, Oct. 24, 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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