



Health First Colorado Provider Network Standards

The Department must have standards for providers who work with regional organizations that serve Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid program) members.

These standards must be published online and must also be available at no cost to Health First Colorado members with disabilities in accessible formats or through auxiliary aids and services.

Primary Care Medical Provider Time and Distance Standards

Required Providers	Urban County		Rural County		Frontier County	
	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)
Adult Primary Care Providers	30	30	45	45	60	60
Pediatric Primary Care Providers	30	30	45	45	60	60
Gynecology, OB/GYN	30	30	45	45	60	60

Behavioral Health Time and Distance Standards

Required Providers	Urban County		Rural County		Frontier County	
	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)
Hospitals (acute care)	20	20	30	30	60	60
Psychiatrists and other psychiatric prescribers, for adults	30	30	60	60	90	90
Psychiatrists and other psychiatric prescribers; serving children	30	30	60	60	90	90
Mental Health Provider; serving adults	30	30	60	60	90	90



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Mental Health Provider; serving children	30	30	60	60	90	90
Substance Use Disorder Provider; serving adults	30	30	60	60	90	90
Substance Use Disorder Provider; serving children	30	30	60	60	90	90

Limited Managed Care Capitation Initiative Time and Distance Standards

Required Providers	Urban County		Rural County		Frontier County	
	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)
Adult Primary Care Providers	30	30	45	45	60	60
Pediatric Primary Care Providers	30	30	45	45	60	60
Gynecology, OB/GYN	30	30	45	45	60	60
Specialists, Adult	30	30	60	60	100	100
Specialists, Pediatric	30	30	60	60	100	100
Hospitals (acute care)	20	20	30	30	60	60
Pharmacy	10	10	30	30	60	60

