

# HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

*Friday, July 11, 2025  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM*

**Location:** Online Only

**All Hospital Zoom Meeting:** Dial Toll-free 1-877-853-5257 / Meeting ID: 870 4490 0719 /  
Passcode: 245046

**Topic Suggestions,** due by close of business two weeks prior to the meeting. Send suggestions to [Della.Phan@state.co.us](mailto:Della.Phan@state.co.us).

# Welcome & Introductions

- **Thank you for participating today!**
- We are counting on your participation to make these meetings successful



# About this Meeting

- We will be recording this meeting.
- Please speak clearly when asking a question and give your name and hospital
- A recording of this meeting will be posted to the [Hospital Engagement Meeting website](#) for later viewing.
- **Hospital Generated Topics:** Please contact Della Phan at [Della.Phan@state.co.us](mailto:Della.Phan@state.co.us) with requests to cover questions or topics in future hospital engagement meetings. Topics requested fewer than 2 weeks before the next meeting may need to be pushed to future meetings depending on availability of personnel with knowledge of those topics.

Thank you for your cooperation

# Dates and Times for 2025

## General Hospital Stakeholder Engagement Meetings

Dates of Meetings	Meeting Time
<del>January 10, 2025</del>	<del>1:00pm-3:00pm</del>
<del>February 7, 2025</del>	<del>9:00am-11:00am</del>
<del>March 7, 2025</del>	<del>9:00am-11:00am</del>
<del>May 2, 2025</del>	<del>9:00am-11:00am</del>
<del>June 13, 2025</del>	<del>1:00pm-3:00pm</del>
<del>July 11, 2025</del>	<del>1:00pm-3:00pm</del>
September 5, 2025	9:00am-11:00am
November 7, 2025	9:00am-11:00am

The agenda for upcoming meetings will be available on our external website on a Monday the week of the meeting.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hospital-engagement-meetings>

Please note the offset dates and times to work around holidays AND Medical Services Board

# AGENDA

## July 2025 Hospital Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Topics - mm:ss

Staffing Update - 4:06

Senate Bill 25-206 (SFY25-26 Long Bill) - 4:45

Psychiatric, Long-term Acute Care, Rehabilitation Hospitals - 5:32

EAPG Rate Changes, Effective July 1, 2025 - 6:21

Inpatient-specific 30-Day Review & Regulatory Updates - 9:15

Regulatory Updates - 13:34

Vagus Nerve Stimulator Reimbursement - 15:23

Facility Licenses for Hospitals - 16:28

CPT codes 97550, 97551, and 97552 for OP Hospital - 17:37



# STAFFING UPDATE

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# Senate Bill 25-206

## (Long Appropriations Bill)

- [Senate Bill 25-206](#) (State Fiscal year 2025-2026 Long Bill) signed by Governor Polis on April 28, 2025
  - Includes 1.6% across the board rate increase to base rates, effective July 1, 2025:
    - Inpatient hospital
    - Outpatient hospital
    - Specialty hospitals
    - Freestanding psychiatric hospitals

# Psychiatric, Long-term Acute Care, Rehabilitation Hospital

- 1.6% Across the board increase to all per diems, step downs
- Rate load completed within June, no claims reprocessing required
- More information on rates:  
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/inpatient-hospital-diem-reimbursement-group>



# EAPG Rate Changes

## Effective July 1, 2025

- 1.6% EAPG Base Rate Increase
- 80% -> 65% 340B Rate Reduction
- EAPG Version 3.18
- System Change Request with Gainwell to accommodate EAPG Version Update
- All claims with FDOS 7/1/2025 and on to be reprocessed upon completion
- Providers to be notified of reprocessing schedule depending on SCR completion date
- More information on OP rates:  
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/outpatient-hospital-payment>

# FY 25-26 Inpatient Base Rates 30-day Review

The 30-day review for FY 25-26 Inpatient Base Rates was posted on the [Inpatient Hospital Payment webpage](#) on 6/17/25 and the review ends on 7/17/25.

Along with the 30-day review document, we've posted the "FY25-26 IP REBASING HIPAA version Excel workbook" which details every single calculation leading up to the new inpatient base rates and has been adjusted to mask claim counts of under 30 to adhere to HIPAA rules.

**IMPORTANT:** Actual rates this year are, on average, 38 cents higher than the HIPAA version of rates in the workbook. The rates found in the "Inpatient Hospital Base Rates FY25-26" 30-day Review document will be your hospital's actual rate pending CMS approval.

Additionally, the Final Budget Neutrality Ratio shown as 80.51% in this HIPAA-adjusted model is 80.52% in the non-HIPAA adjusted model and will be accurately reflected in Colorado State Plan.

The Department will be implementing the rate changes after the end of the 30-day review period based on upper management approval from HCPF. After all rates are confirmed correctly entered into the system, we will reprocess all claims with last date of service  $\geq 7/1/2025$  to pay on the new rate. Please know, it does take some time to complete these updates and perform quality control checks. The Department will update hospitals during the September Hospital Engagement Meeting as to when those updates are/will be complete.

**CMS:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

# Timeline on Inpatient Hospital Rates Regulatory Changes

**Colorado State Plan Changes:** State Plan changes will be submitted when rates are finalized (after the 30-day review period ends). The exact same nature of changes in Rule will be made to Colorado State Plan 4.19A and 4.19B.

If any stakeholder would like to get a copy of the proposed Colorado Rule and/or State Plan changes, please email Diana Lambe and Andrew Abalos at [diana.lambe@state.co.us](mailto:diana.lambe@state.co.us) and [andrew.abalos@state.co.us](mailto:andrew.abalos@state.co.us).

# Regulatory updates

- **340B Rate Reduction (80% -> 65%)**
  - **State Plan Amendment**
    - Public Notice Issued June 25, 2025
  - **Code of Colorado Regulations Update**
    - Presented to Medical Services Board June 13, 2025
    - Rule passed - will be presented to Medical Services Board later at date to be determined to be permanent
- **Senate Bill 25-206 1.6% Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2025 for:**
  - Specialty Hospitals (Per Diem)
  - Freestanding Psychiatric Hospitals (Per Diem)
  - Outpatient Hospital Base Rates (EAPG)
  - **State Plan Amendment (CO-25-0016) submitted July 8, 2025, 90-day review period closes 10/6/2025**

# Vagus Nerve Stimulator Reimbursement

- Senate Bill 25-121: Medicaid Reimbursement for Vagus Nerve Stimulation postponed indefinitely during previous legislative session
- Intention of bill to raise reimbursement for the device
- **Are there any concerns with the current reimbursement for this device that would cause access concerns for our members?**
- **Email: [HCPF\\_Hospitalregulatory@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_Hospitalregulatory@state.co.us)**

# Facility Licenses for Hospitals

- Some hospital/institutional claims may be denied (EOB 3385) for no license on file.
- Providers with an active license with CDPHE must be manually updated through the provider web portal by the provider to avoid claim denials.
- Some facility licenses that have expired may have a pending renewal status with CDPHE.
- Please check the status of the facility license on file and update as needed.
- This information will also be posted in the August provider bulletin.

# CPT Codes 97550, 97551, and 97552 for OP Hospital claims

- Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 97550, 97551, and 97552 for caregiver training were opened in error beginning 1/1/24 for outpatient hospital claims.
- Effective July 1, 2025, these codes are closed.
- Claims for outpatient hospitals may continue to pay for these codes until the implementation of EAPG version 3.18 update and reprocessing has been completed.
- This can also be found in the [July 1 Provider Bulletin](#).

# Facilities Rates Website Changes

- In accordance to adhere to accessibility standards, changes are being made to the following sites. If there is anything missing, please feel free to email us.
- [Inpatient Hospital Payment](#)
  - Contact [Diana Lambe](#)
- [Outpatient Hospital Payment](#)
  - Contact [Sean Paschke](#)
- [Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Reimbursement Group](#)
  - Contact [Della Phan](#)



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**Questions?  
Comments?  
Solutions?**

# *Thank You!*

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