

HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Friday, November 7, 2025
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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.

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 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
January 10, 2025	1:00pm-3:00pm
February 7, 2025	9:00am-11:00am
March 7, 2025	9:00am-11:00am
May 2, 2025	9:00am-11:00am
June 13, 2025	1:00pm-3:00pm
July 11, 2025	1:00pm-3:00pm
September 5, 2025	9:00am-11:00am
November 7, 2025	9:00am-11:00am

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

Dates and Times for 2026

General Hospital Stakeholder Engagement Meetings

Dates of Meetings	Meeting Time
January 9, 2026	1:00pm-3:00pm
March 6, 2026	9:00am-11:00am
May 1, 2026	9:00am-11:00am
July 10, 2026	1:00pm-3:00pm
September 11, 2026	1:00pm-3:00pm
November 6, 2026	9:00am-11:00am

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AGENDA

November 2025 Hospital Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Topics - mm:ss

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340B Rebate Model Pilot Program Billing Guidance

- Beginning January 1, 2026, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will implement a new 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program (<https://www.hrsa.gov/opa/340b-model-pilot-program>).
 - Under this program, certain drug manufacturers will sell selected 340B drugs at the Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC). Covered entities will later receive manufacturer rebates that reduce the final net price to the statutory 340B ceiling price.
- **Billing Requirements for Covered Entities:**
When billing Health First Colorado for prescription drugs purchased through the 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program:
 - Do not bill Medicaid using the pre-rebate (WAC) purchase price.
 - The submitted ingredient cost must be the 340B ceiling price.
- This information can also be found at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/340b-manual>.
- If you have any further questions, please contact Korri Conilogue at Korri.Conilogue@state.co.us.

Medicaid Provider Portal and CBMS Information Mismatch Instances

- Following up from email received, September 2025 Meeting
 - Want to know more regarding who to contact for instances when mismatching information between Medicaid Provider Portal and CBMS
 - Working with Medicaid Operations Office to better understand issue, will be connecting with impacted hospital
 - Please send further instances of such mismatches to HCPF_Hospitalregulatory@state.co.us

EAPG Rate Changes

Effective July 1, 2025

- Three changes to be implemented at once effective July 1, 2025
 - 1.6% EAPG Base Rate Increase
 - 80% -> 65% 340B Rate Reduction
 - EAPG Version 3.18
- October 1, 2025 rate changes (rollback of 1.6% increase) will also be implemented
- System Change Request with Gainwell to accommodate EAPG Version Update
 - Anticipated project completion within 4th quarter of calendar year
 - Gainwell targeting production date of December 17, 2025
- All claims with FDOS on or after July 1, 2025 to be reprocessed upon completion of SCR
- Providers to be notified of reprocessing schedule depending on SCR completion date
- More information on OP rates:
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/outpatient-hospital-payment>

EAPG Module Update

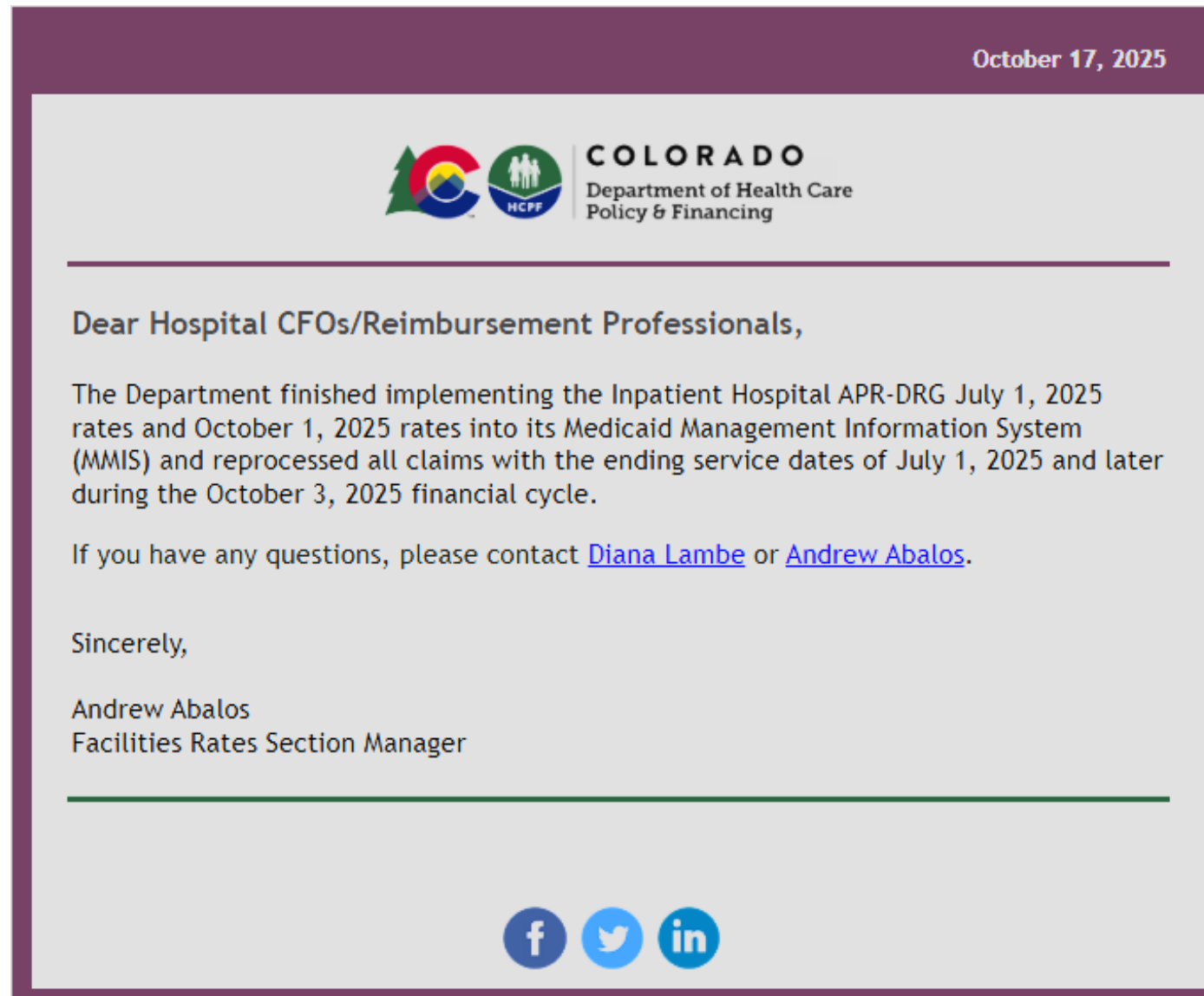
- **3M/Solventum released Service Pack Update 2025.3.3 on October 23, 2025**
 - Installed in interChange October 27, 2025
 - Applied quarterly CPT/HCPSC updates
 - Non-standard release to correct issue in API

- **3M/Solventum to release General Availability Version 2026.3.0 on December 23, 2025**
 - Estimated installation within interChange the same week
 - Applies quarterly CPT/HCPSC updates
 - More information on OP rates:
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/outpatient-hospital-payment>

Inpatient Base Rate Update

Inpatient Base Rates effective 7/1/2025 & 10/1/2025

Inpatient Base Rates were implemented into the claims system and all claims with ending service dates of July 1, 2025, and later were reprocessed during the October 3, 2025, financial cycle. An email was sent to all Hospital Engagement Meeting newsletter subscribers on October 17, 2025. Please let us know if you have any questions.



If you didn't receive the email, please [sign up](#) to receive the Hospital Engagement Meeting newsletters.

Inpatient Regulatory Housekeeping

Peer Group & Border Hospital Housekeeping Update Overview

Colorado Rule Sections 8.300.5.A and 8.300.5.A.5 are being updated to fix the alphabetical peer group references and add clarity that border state hospitals are assigned to an in-state peer group based on geography. The nature of both changes are simply housekeeping in nature. In other words, there are no changes to current procedures.

The peer group of "specialty hospitals" was removed from 8.300.5.A in 2019 when those hospitals moved to a per diem payment methodology. Remaining peer groups are labeled a - c.

8.300.5 **Payment for Inpatient Hospital Services**

8.300.5.A **Payments to DRG Hospitals for Inpatient Hospital Services**

1. Peer Groups

For the purposes of Inpatient reimbursement, DRG Hospitals are assigned to one of the following peer groups. Hospitals which do not fall into the peer groups described in a ~~and b~~ shall default to the peer groups described in b and c ~~and d~~ based on geographic location.:

- a. Pediatric Hospitals
- b. Rural Hospitals
- c. Urban Hospitals

Inpatient Regulatory Housekeeping cont'd

Border Hospital Housekeeping Update

The Department is adding clarifying language to 8.300.5.A.5 that Border-state Hospitals get the in-state peer group average. After reviewing the language, we realized it really wasn't clear. Please be assured that this represents no change to current processes.

5. Medicaid Inpatient Base Rate for Border-state Hospitals

The Medicaid Inpatient base rate for border-state Hospitals shall be equal to the average in-state Medicaid Inpatient base rate for the corresponding peer group.

6. Medicaid Inpatient Base Rate for Out-of-state Hospitals

- a. The Medicaid Inpatient base rate for out of state Hospitals shall be equal to 90% of the average Medicaid Inpatient base rate for the corresponding peer group.
- b. The Department may reimburse an out-of-state Hospital for non-emergent services at an amount higher than the DRG base payment when the needed services are not available in a Colorado Hospital. Reimbursement to the out-of-state Hospital shall be made at a rate mutually agreed upon by the parties involved.

If you have concerns or any questions about these changes, please contact Diana Lambe at diana.lambe@state.co.us by end of day Monday, December 8, 2025.

Inpatient Regulatory Timeline

Timeline for Housekeeping Rule Changes:

Date	Activity
April 20, 2026	Public Rule Review Meeting
May 8, 2026	Medical Services Board Initial Approval Date
June 12, 2026	Medical Services Board Final Adoption Date
August 14, 2026	Earliest Date Rule can be Effective

Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the meetings. Please follow [link to the Medical Services Board webpage.](#)

Regulatory Updates

- **340B Rate Reduction (80% -> 65%)**
 - State Plan Amendment
 - Public Notice Issued June 25, 2025
 - State Plan Amendment CO-25-0004 submitted August 7, 2025
- **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)
 - **Allowing State Plan to sunset effective 9/30 to align with rollback of 1.6% rate increase effective October 1, 2025**

Regulatory Updates cont'd

- **Inpatient Rebasing eff. July 1, 2025**
 - **State Plan Amendment (CO-25-0030)**
 - Public Notice Issued June 25, 2025
 - State Plan Amendment CO-25-0030 submitted September 30
- **Regular rulemaking to Modify Hospital Rate-setting Authority**
 - **Will allow rate reductions to occur in pursuant to C.R.S 24-75-201.5.**
 - **To be presented to Medical Services Board on November 14, 2025**
- **Regulatory Housekeeping**
 - **See slides 12-14**

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

Billing Guidance Reminders

- [Birthing Parent and Newborn Billing](#)
 - Services for the birthing parent and baby must be billed on separate claims under the identification number of each member
- [Covered/Non-covered Days](#)
 - Total days on the claim are calculated as the days between admission and To Date of Service (TDOS)
 - Value codes indicate the quantity of covered and non-covered days
 - 80- covered days
 - 81- non-covered days
 - Occurrence Span Code 74
 - Used to report the from and through dates at a non-covered level of care or leave of absence (LOA) during an otherwise covered stay

Please contact Jessica Short and Diva Wood if you have questions.

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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