

HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

*Friday, September 10, 2021
1:00 PM -4:00 PM*

Location: Online Only

All Hospital Zoom Meeting: Dial Toll-free 1 877-853 5257 / Meeting ID: 987 2946 5513 /
Passcode: 353674

Topic Suggestions, due by close of business two weeks prior to the meeting. Send suggestions to Jonathan.Rempfer@state.co.us.

Welcome & Introductions

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



About this Zoom 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 Jonathan Rempfer at Jonathan.Rempfer@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

AGENDA

September 2021 Hospital Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Topics

FFY 2020-21 CHASE Reconciliation - 04:30

Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) & Rural Support Fund - 07:02

FY 21-22 State Budget Action Inpatient Base Rate Update - 11:50

Draft Inpatient Base Rate Methodology Update - 13:02

Coverage Updates Past Timely Filing - 14:50

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/sites/hcpf/files/Provider%20News%20%26%20Resources%20-%20Issue%2026%20%2006-07-2021.pdf>

EAPG Rate Updates - 17:10

EAPG Module Updates - 18:24

Drug Re-Weight Update - 21:24

EAPG Transition to version 3.16 - 29:10

- Timestamp - min : sec

Dates and Times for Future General Hospital Stakeholder Engagement Meetings in 2021

Dates of Meetings	Meeting Time
January 8, 2021	1:00pm-4:00pm
March 5, 2021	9:00am-12:00pm
May 7, 2021	9:00am-12:00pm
July 9, 2021	1:00pm-4:00pm
September 10, 2021	1:00pm-4:00pm
November 5, 2021	9:00am-12:00pm

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

FFY 2020-21 CHASE Reconciliation

- Received CMS approval on July 26th
- Reconciliation began in August and will finish on September 10th (today)
- Overview letters sent on July 23rd
- Webinar was presented on August 4th with a summary of the fee and payment methodologies (link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=llCkepUDw2k&t=39s>

HTP - Rural Support Program

- CMS approved the new rural support funding on July 26th
 - First \$12 million will be paid in the months of August and September 2021 along with FFY 2020-21 CHASE fees & payment reconciliation
 - Funds for FFY 2021-22 will not be available until reconciliation next year and will remain at \$12 million

- Use of funds
 - As described in hospital attestations
 - A new attestation will be required for each program year to document what the funds were used for in the prior year

- Contact Nancy.Dolson@state.co.us or HCPF_RSF@state.co.us

HTP Update

➤ Application Period

- All 83 hospital applications were approved by 7/31/21
- Applications are available to the public by request at cohttp@state.co.us

➤ Hospital Workgroups

- Will meet again on Thursday, September 16th
 - ✓ Rural hospitals at 10am
 - ✓ Urban hospitals at 1pm
- Topics: Implementation plans, measure specifications, and measure collection tool

HTP Update

- Implementation Plan Period began 8/1/2021
 - All hospital implementation plans are due by 9/30/2021
 - Office Hours have been established to help answer questions from hospitals every Friday morning from 9:30am to 11:00am

FY 21-22 Inpatient Hospital Base Rate State Budget Action Update

- All Inpatient base rates received a 2.5% increase from FY 20-21 rates as set by State Legislature.
- We have still not yet received approval from CMS on our State Plan adjustments. The delay is not out of step with normal timing.
- As soon as we receive approval from CMS, we will input the new rates on our system and reprocess all claims to apply the adjusted rates. This process can take several weeks since we now update rates on a provider location basis.

Draft Inpatient Base Rate Methodology

Target implementation has been delayed until 7/1/2023 in response to requests by various hospitals and The Colorado Hospital Association.

- Despite this delay, we will still be collaborating with various hospitals to address issues related to Add-ons like the Pediatric Add-on and Low Volume Hospital/CAH Add-ons in the coming year while being mindful of the other hospital-related issues that are in the forefront this year.
- All products of this work will be presented for all hospitals to review during future hospital stakeholder meetings.

EAPG Rate Updates

- July 1, 2021 Rate Update: 2.5% increase to July 1, 2020 rates
- No update required to Code of Colorado Regulations (i.e. no meeting with MSB necessary)
- Rates posted to the [Outpatient Hospital Payment web page](#)
- State Plan Amendment required for implementation - submitted to CMS late June - seeking approval in late September at latest

EAPG Module Update

- 3M Released v2021.2.1 on July 8, 2021
- Gainwell installed into MMIS on July 28, 2021
- Applies quarterly CPT/HCPCS Updates
- Drug Re-Weighting Schedules available in 3M system
- Updates to Revenue Codes 87X, 89X (see Appendix Q)
- Still using version 3.10 of EAPGs

EAPG Module Update

- 3M to release GPCS v.2021.3.0 on September 23, 2021
- Scheduled install - September 29
- Applies quarterly CPT/HCPCS Updates
- No other planned changes
- GPCS System - moved to cloud system - should not see impacts from provider side

EAPG Drug Re-weighting Update

- As mentioned, now available in 3M Modules
- Contains 3 columns in weight files - corresponding to increase, decrease, or neutral drug payments to hospitals (6/1/2020)
- Please refer to previous meeting documents for weight designation for each hospital
- To be implemented in interChange for September 15
- Reprocessing of claims to follow - will exclude 7/1/2021 and beyond until rate adjustments approved

EAPG Transition to 3.16

BACKGROUND / METHODOLOGY

EAPG Transition to 3.16

- Estimated impacts using the 3M National Weights for 3.16 after applying drug re-weighting factors (+42.93%, -3.47%)

Count of Hospitals by % Payment Gained			
0%<x<1%	1%<x<5%	5%<x<10%	x>10%
2	16	14	14

Count of Hospitals by % Payment Lost			
0%<x<1%	1%<x<5%	5%<x<10%	x>10%
2	12	9	17

EAPG Transition to 3.16

- To reduce outliers, attempted modification of EAPG weights
- Identified services that "winning" outlier hospitals were providing, reduced weights
- Identified services that "losing" outlier hospitals were providing, increased weights

EAPG Transition to 3.16

- Resulted in potential financial loss to hospitals which exceeded benefits (below tables w/ adjusted weights)

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0%<x<1%	1%<x<5%	5%<x<10%	x>10%
3	16	14	12

Count of Hospitals by % Payment Lost			
0%<x<1%	1%<x<5%	5%<x<10%	x>10%
4	12	7	18

EAPG Transition to 3.16

- Attempted to bring all hospitals to within +/- 10%
- Required altering of many EAPG weights - potential concern of sacrificing integrity of EAPG system (i.e. reducing payments for resource-intensive services, increasing payments for inexpensive services)
- Packaging and Consolidation Hierarchies

EAPG Transition to 3.16

- To further minimize financial impact of version transition, +/- 3% corridor to be implemented
- To maintain EAPG version integrity and minimize financial impact to hospitals, proposed **EAPG Base Rate changes** instead of **EAPG Weights**
- Would be effective 1/1/2022 alongside version 3.16

EAPG Transition to 3.16

- Rates posting to be made available in coming weeks, as well as proposed weight sets using 3.16
- Inpatient-only, DME exclusions lists will be posted
- Rates adjusted to maintain budget neutrality - corridors may result in figures outside of this, iterative process required

Questions, Comments, & Solutions



Thank You!

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