

# HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

*Friday, September 5, 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](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>
<del>September 5, 2025</del>	<del>9:00am-11:00am</del>
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

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

Medicaid Sustainability Memo to RAEs Follow-up - 3:34

Medicaid Provider Portal and CBMS Information Mismatch Instances - 5:28

EAPG Rate Changes, Effective July 1, 2025 - 7:15

EAPG Module Update - 9:30

Inpatient Updates - 11:05

Regulatory Updates - 14:55

Vagus Nerve Stimulator Reimbursement - 17:47

Facility Rates Website Changes - 18:48

# Medicaid Sustainability: Behavioral Health and Managed Care Actions Memo Follow-up

- Following up from July 11 Meeting
- June 2025 Medicaid Sustainability Memo
  - Question regarding use of APR-DRGs for RAEs across Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs), Acute Treatment Units (ATUs), and inpatient hospitals, by October 1, 2025.
- **BHIC Team's Update:** Beginning research with the RAEs and plan to perform stakeholder work when further along in that process
- Not looking for implementation before July 1, 2027
- For additional information, please contact [hcpf\\_Bhbenefits@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_Bhbenefits@state.co.us)

# Medicaid Provider Portal and CBMS Information Mismatch Instances

- Following up from email received
  - 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](mailto:HCPF_Hospitalregulatory@state.co.us)
  - Pertinent information to be provided in November meeting

# 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
- System Change Request with Gainwell to accommodate EAPG Version Update
  - Anticipated project completion within 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of calendar year
- 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 General Availability Version 2024.2.0 on June 26, 2025**
  - Installed in interChange August 12
  - Applied quarterly CPT/HCPCS updates
  
- **3M/Solventum to release General Availability Version 2025.3.0 on September 25, 2025**
  - Estimated installation within interChange the week of September 29
  - Applies quarterly CPT/HCPCS updates
  - Applies annual ICD-10 Code-set Updates
  - More information on OP rates:  
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/outpatient-hospital-payment>

# Inpatient Update

## **Inpatient Base Rates effective 7/1/2025**

Rates will be applied to the claims system during the month of September. After quality checks, claims with a to-date of 7/1/2025 and later will re-priced using the new rate. Please keep an eye out for an email from the Department notifying you when the implementation is complete.

## **APR-DRG Version 42 Update effective 7/1/2026**

The Department will begin work on this very soon and will update hospitals throughout the process in future Hospital Engagement Meetings.

# 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
  - **Code of Colorado Regulations Update**
    - Presented to Medical Services Board August 13, 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)
  - **State Plan Amendment (CO-25-0016) submitted July 8, 2025, 90-day review period closes 10/6/2025**

# Regulatory updates

- **Inpatient Rebasing eff. July 1, 2025**
  - **State Plan Amendment (CO-25-0030)**
    - Public Notice Issued June 25, 2025
    - State Plan Amendment CO-25-0030 to be submitted
- **Emergency 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 September 12, 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)

# 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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