

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

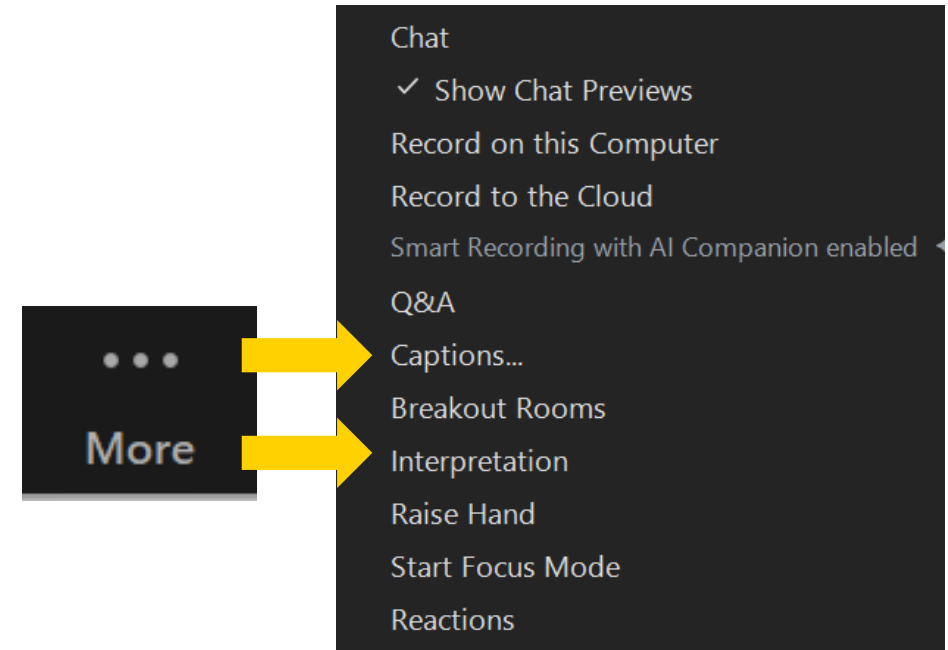
# LACTATION STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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# Meeting Logistics

- **Accessibility:** Closed captioning services and Spanish interpretation are available through the Zoom toolbar.
- In this meeting if you would like to ask a question or make a comment, you can use Q&A, Chat, or the “Raise Hand” function on the Zoom toolbar.



# Welcome!

- **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!**
  - **This meeting is being recorded** for transparency and to keep track of the next steps. It will be posted to our website ASAP along with these slides.
- **Department Staff:**
  - *Brooke Greenky, Reproductive Health Unit Supervisor*
  - *Haylee Rodgers, DMEPOS Benefit Policy Specialist*
  - *Jessica Werner, Lactation Support Services Policy Specialist*
- **There are a lot of people here today!** Please put your name, pronouns, and any organization or title you may want to share in the chat!

# Today's Agenda

- Intro/Welcome (*5 minutes*)
- Background, Context, Recap (*5 minutes*)
- *Review and Discussion (40 minutes)*
  - *Breast Pump Coverage*
- Next Steps (*10 minutes*)

# Meeting Objectives

1. Celebrate the progress towards Medicaid coverage of Lactation Support Services!
2. Review the basics and recap how we got to this point.
3. Discuss breast pump coverage, progress, updates, and opportunities.



## Our Mission:

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.

# What We Do

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing administers Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) and other health care programs for Coloradans who qualify.

# How did we get here?

- [HB22-1289](#): Health Benefits for Colorado Children and Pregnant Persons or Cover All Coloradans bill.
  - Expands health coverage to children and pregnant persons regardless of immigration status
  - Improves existing Health First Colorado and CHP+ benefits for children and pregnant persons



# Lactation Services Expansion

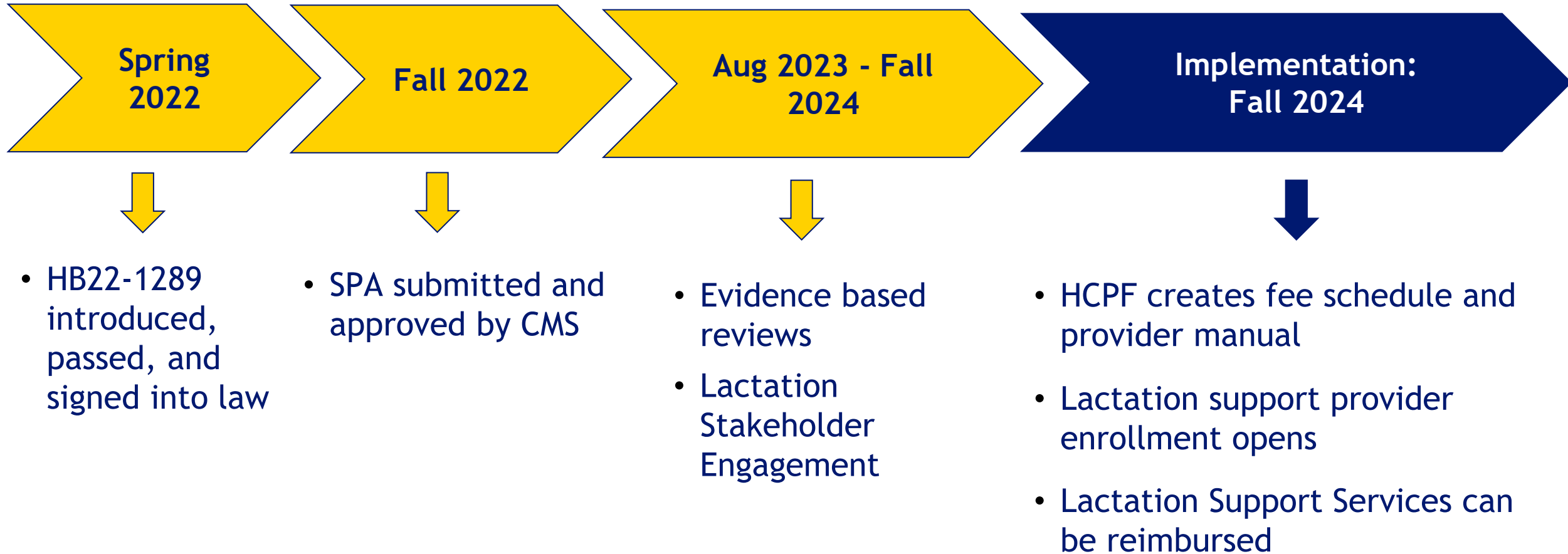
- Single-user electric breast pump coverage:
  - Expanded to include all pregnant and postpartum members as of June 8, 2022
- Multi-user electric breast pump coverage:
  - Effective January 1, 2023
- Lactation Support Services - **Coming this Fall!**

**“AN INDIVIDUAL TRAINED IN ADVANCED LACTATION SUPPORT SHALL PROVIDE THE LACTATION SUPPORT SERVICES.”**

[HB 1289](#)

*\*The lactation services benefit is in addition to the services still offered to the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program members. Members may continue to get lactation equipment and support services from Health First Colorado and/or WIC.*

# Project Timeline



**Implementation Date: Fall 2024**

# Breast Pump Coverage Expansion

# Previous Breast Pump Policy

- Health First Colorado only covered pumps under specific circumstances related to infant hospitalization of at least 54 days.
- All other members were required to obtain equipment through the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program.
- This limited coverage policy ended on June 7, 2022.

# Manual & Single User Breast Pumps

- Effective June 8, 2022
- Members may receive a breast pump as early as the 28 weeks of pregnancy OR at the time of birth for earlier deliveries.
- Prior authorization requests (PARs) are not required.
- As required by all Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS), a prescription is needed.
- Breast pumps may be prescribed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife.

# Multi-User Electric Breast Pumps

- Effective January 1, 2023
- This is a continuous rental item that will not be converted to purchase.
- Prior Authorization Requests (PARs) are required.
- Multi-user breast pumps may be rented for up to two years.
- Prescriptions should include information on why a single-user pump is not sufficient for the member.

# Help for Members

- Members may obtain a breast pump from any enrolled supplier.
- Members should contact a supplier to receive information specific to that company for sending in a prescription and receiving equipment.
- Prescribers may also send the prescription to the company on behalf of the member if preferred.
- Delivery time varies depending on the supplier.

# Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers

- Durable Medical Equipment suppliers across Colorado
  - 38 single user breast pump suppliers
  - 4 multi-user breast pump suppliers
- Breast Pump Utilization
  - Over 11,000 members have received single-user breast pumps
  - Over 35 members have received multi-user breast pumps
- No exclusive contracts



# Breastfeeding Equipment and Supplies

Code	Description	PAR
A4287	Disposable collection and storage bag for breast milk, any size, any type, each	None
E0602	Breast Pump, manual, any type	None
E0603	Breast Pump, single user, electric (AC and/or DC), any type	None
E0604	Breast pump, multi-user, electric (AC and/or DC), any type	Yes
A4281	Tubing for breast pump, replacement	None
A4282	Adapter for breast pump, replacement	Yes
A4283	Cap for breast pump bottle, replacement	Yes
A4284	Breast shield and splash protector for use with breast pump, replacement	Yes
A4285	Polycarbonate bottle for use with breast pump, replacement	Yes
A4286	Locking ring for breast pump, replacement	Yes

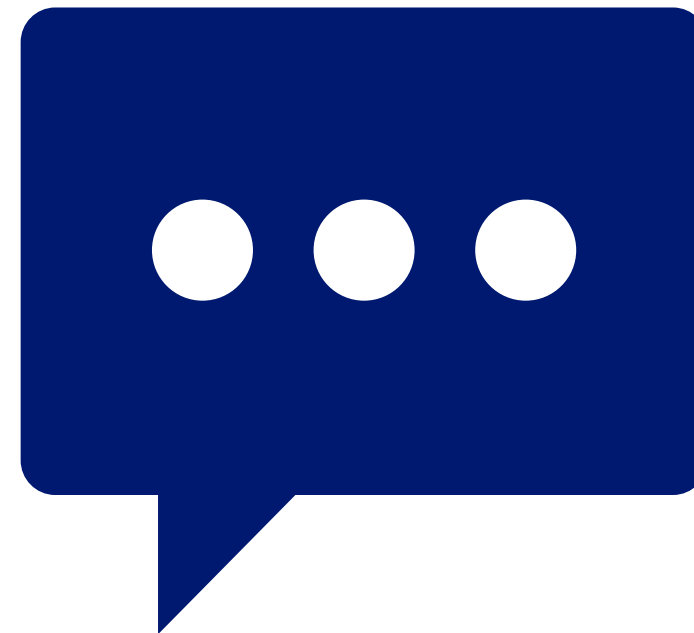
# Breast Pump Reimbursement

- Budget approval authorized the rate of \$133.30 for single-user electric breast pumps.
- The rate for manual breast pumps is \$20.47.
- The monthly rental reimbursement for a multi-user breast pump is \$219.67.
- The types of covered breast pumps differ between suppliers.

# Breast Pump Utilization

- Thoughts on ways to increase breast pump utilization?
  - Messaging
  - Member/Provider Communications
  - Communications with Partner Organizations
  - Reimbursement Rates

# Answer Questions

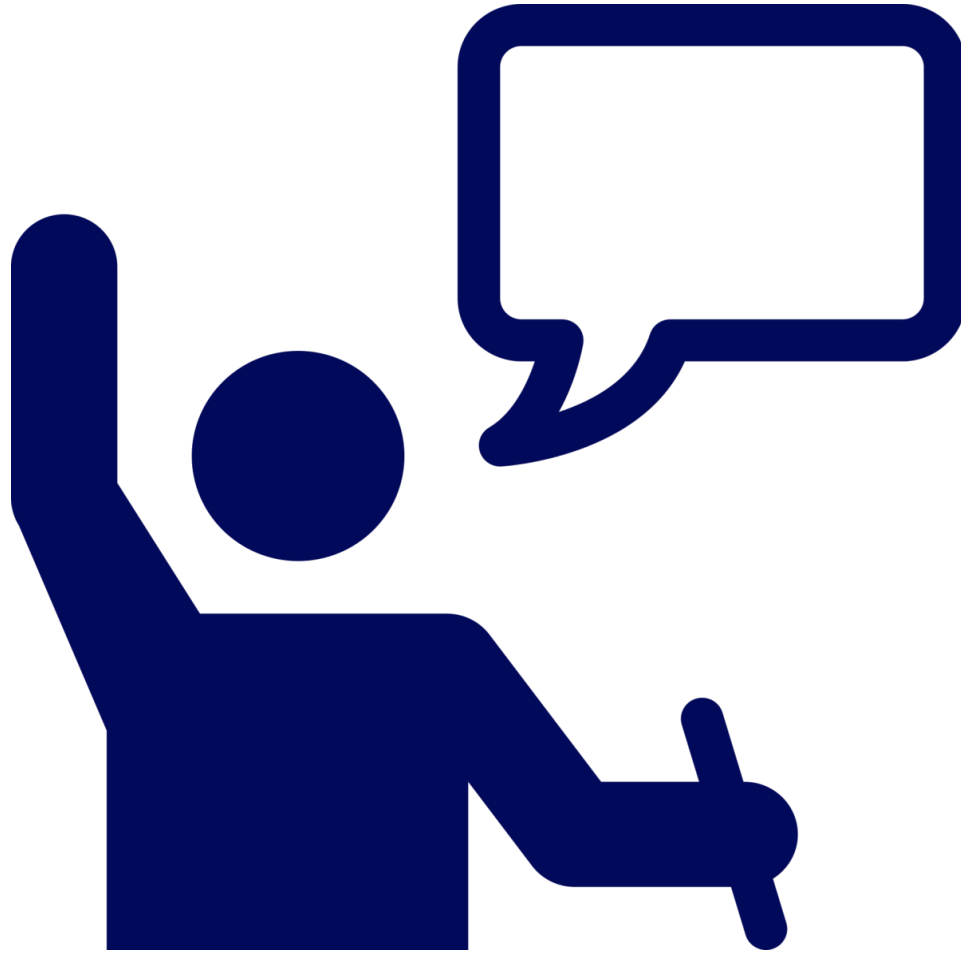


# Wrap-Up and Next Steps

# Next Steps:

1. THANK YOU for your time today
2. Stay tuned for details on the next meeting
3. Sign up for the [MCH Newsletter](#)/Tell your Friends!
4. Slides and Recording will be Posted!
5. Create and send out FAQ
6. Contact [hcpf\\_maternalchildhealth@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_maternalchildhealth@state.co.us) with any questions

# Questions?





# Thank You!

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