

# Medicaid Provider Rate Review Public Meeting

November 3, 2023  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Presented by: HCPF & GPS



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# Housekeeping

- Committee Members only - add “MPRRAC Member” to your Zoom name
- Public Stakeholders - sign up to make public comment
  - Public comments will be shared at the end of the meeting
- Identify yourself before speaking
- Do not share PHI
- Use Q&A feature for questions



# Agenda

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Meeting Overview, Updates, and Minutes
- Year 2 Cycle 1
  - Services under review in 2024
  - Ideas to make 2024 MPRRAC processes smoother
- Questions and Feedback
- Next Steps and Announcements
- Adjourn



# Special Announcement

## ➤ Open seat on MPRRAC

- If you are interested in this opportunity, please email [HCPF\\_RateReview@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_RateReview@state.co.us)
- Information will be posted on our website
  - <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/medicaid-provider-rate-review-advisory-committee>



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# MPRRAC/ JBC Presentation

## Monday, November 20 at 9:00am

- Overview of:
  - provider rate review process
  - summary of provider rates reviewed
  - strategies for responding to the findings of the provider rate review
    - Including any fiscal or nonfiscal approaches or rebalancing of rates
  - MPRRAC recommendations made to HCPF
    - Including any recommendations for improving capacity and access to services in regions of the state where reduced capacity results in limited access to services
- **MPRRAC to decide if virtual or in-person**
- **MPPRAC to decide who will be presenting**
- **HCPF to assist MPRRAC with presentation prep but presentation will be done entirely by MPRRAC as stated in the statute**
- **[Link to JBC schedule](#)**



# Friendly Reminder: Rules of Governance

- Self-governance
- Maintain a respectful, safe environment for all
- One person speaks at a time
- Stay on mute unless engaging
- Tough on problems, easy on people
- Use the past only to describe a better future
- Come prepared - review materials in advance, gather & share input from your community, stakeholders, colleagues etc.



# Points of Contact for MPRRAC Members

- **Rate Review Team**

- **HCPF\_RateReview@state.co.us**

- Reviewing methodology
- Benchmarking
- Coding
- Analysis
- Anything else

- **Policy Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)**

- **Reach out to Rate Review team for assistance**

- Benefit policy
- Billing manual
- Benefit coverage
- Utilization management



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# MPRRAC/ Department Roles

- A legislatively appointed body that functions collaboratively with the Department, they are not Department staff.
- Rate Review staff is tasked with synthesizing actuarial analyses into digestible reports and works with other Department staff to develop recommendations for rate or policy changes, which are then agreed upon by the MPRRAC.
- These recommendations *may* result in future budget actions by the Department but rate changes must be approved and appropriated for by the Legislature.
- Review of services including analysis and recommendations does not guarantee rate changes, whether increases or decreases, or changes to reimbursement policy.



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# Out of Scope for the MPRRAC

- The MPRRAC does NOT submit budget requests
  - While budget requests are submitted by staff of the Department, the process of budget request submission is independent of the Rate Review process.
- The MPRRAC does NOT have the authority to change rates without legislative approval and appropriation



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# Meeting Minutes

## September 29, 2023

- Under Call to Order, " All 6 of the 7 members were present". Should either read all 6 members were present or 6 of 7 members were present. I don't see mention of the open spot on the committee, but it was discussed, and I think should be included in the minutes.
- This sentence under Meeting Minutes seems out of place and should probably just be deleted. "This meeting is an extension of the last meeting, the minutes will be combined into one set of meeting minutes for both meetings, and we will review those minutes together. The two sets of meeting minutes will be discussed in September."
- On page 2 under Topic Area Review, the 4th item is the only one that doesn't mention the topic after the slide number. "The committee reviewed slide 26 for ???. No MPRRAC discussion."
- On page 3 under slide 35 for Dental Services, the final bullet I believe was referencing wages for support staff. I think it would be helpful to clarify. "Salaries" makes me think more narrowly of dentist salaries. Disregard this one if I'm misinterpreting the commenter's statement.



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# Meeting Minutes continued

## September 29, 2023

- On page 2 under C Topic Area Review, The last bullet confused me in that JBC may be able to do an emergency rate review upon request from the Governor's office and if HCPF would be supportive, I don't recall Kevin saying the right staff weren't present at the meeting, as I do not think they ever will be, but that the staff that supports MPRRAC wasn't able to comment on this as they are not involved in that process. My understanding was that a request can be made but it was out of the scope of the MPRRAC committee and support staff. A small detail but it sounds like we were missing the proper people to comment on this, and truth is, they are not part of our support staff and/or not associated with the committee. Please correct me if I am misunderstanding this.
- I also wondered if we should have a mention that some of the JBC hearings are public since it seems we had a bit of discussion on this. Stakeholders are able to attend some of the hearings as an observer but will not be able to make comments. I know some stakeholders indicated they may want to attend the hearings to continue to follow the process. Thoughts?



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# Meeting Purpose

- **BY THE END OF TODAY:**
  - The MPRRAC and HCPF will brainstorm ideas to improve processes for Year 2 Cycle 1



## Year 2 Cycle 1: Services Under Review

Dental Services	Home Health Services
Emergency Medical Transportation	Non-emergent Medical Transportation
Home and Community Based Services Waivers	Pediatric Personal Care
Waiver for Persons Who are Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD)	Private Duty Nursing
Community Mental Health Supports Waiver (CMHS)	Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs)
Waiver for Persons with Brain Injury (BI)	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)
Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD)	
Children's Habilitation Residential Program Waiver	
Children's HCBS Waiver	
Supported Living Supports Waiver (SLS)	
Waiver for Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI)	
Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES)	
Complementary and Integrative Health Waiver (CIH)	

**Important: NO MEDICARE RATE for benefits in blue**



# Dental Services Review

Does the MPRRAC want to include Dental in the 2024 review?

➤ Things to consider:

- HCPF did a full review of dental codes this year, but the recommendations only highlighted the 24 most impactful codes sent by stakeholders
- If MPRRAC would like an additional review, HCPF can do this, however:
  - The benchmark will be changed to other states' fee schedules which could end in decrease OR increase - we DO NOT know what the data and research will show
- If MPRRAC would like to defer to public stakeholders, HCPF requests that stakeholders let us know by NOVEMBER 17 so we can start research
  - HCPF will make final decision on what will be reviewed



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# MPRRAC Vote on Dental



# Out-of-Cycle Review Requests

## Pediatric Sleep Medicine (part of Physician's Services)

- Last review: Physician's Services reviewed in 2022, but did not include sleep study codes, so sleep study was last reviewed in 2018
- Codes include: 95782, 95783, 95800, 95801, 95803, 95805, 95806, 95807, 95808, 95810, 95811
- Other info: HCPF received a request from a doctor to analyze 4 sleep study codes to be reimbursed at the same rate as Colorado Children's Hospital. The doctor stated that his clinic provides the same quality service as Colorado Children's Hospital. The doctor provides his pediatric sleep study services in his clinic or non-facility setting, paid by the non-facility or fee-for-service physician fee schedule. All pediatric sleep study services at Colorado Children's Hospital are paid by the Hospital Discounted Care Outpatient Rates fee schedule based on the EAPG (Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups) payment methodology.

## 7 Fee-for-service Behavioral Health SUD Codes

- Last review: 2019
- Codes include: H0001, H0004, H0005, H0006, H0010, H0020 and S9445
  - These codes do not have a Medicare rate, HCPF will compare to other states' Medicaid rate
- Other info: These codes should have been reviewed in 2023 but HCPF did not have resources to complete



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# MPRRAC Vote

## Pediatric Sleep Medicine

## FFS Behavioral Health SUD Codes



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# Ideas for Improving Timelines & MPRRAC Meetings



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# MPRRAC Timelines & Meetings

## Idea #1:

- Shift all MPRRAC quarterly meetings to be earlier in the year
  - Mid-March: initial data presentation
  - Mid-June: supplemental data presentation and MPRRAC recommendations
  - Mid-August: MPRRAC recommendation review
  - November: Lessons learned and planning for next cycle

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# MPRRAC Timelines & Meetings

## Idea #2:

- Extend all MPRRAC meetings to allow for 1 extra hour
  - New time frame: 9am - 1pm
  - Allow for all services to speak without rushing and may alleviate having to enforce time boxes on comments

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## Idea #3:

- If a member of public shares PHI during the meetings, ask them to restate their comments without PHI

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# MPRRAC Timelines & Meetings

## Idea #4:

- HCPF provides pre-recorded training to MPRRAC
  - Let us know what type of training would be helpful and our team will evaluate if we are able to provide this for MPRRAC
    - Reading data
    - Access to care metrics
    - Benchmarks

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## Idea #5:

- Create a ranking system to prioritize which rates under review will receive increases
  - Raising all rates under review to 100% is not realistic
  - Ideas: prioritize preventative codes, dig into sub-code levels to see which codes would make greatest impact on providers
  - HCPF will provide a full list of codes under review to MPRRAC

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# MPRRAC Timelines & Meetings

## Idea #6:

What does the MPRRAC want to see? What would influence the recommendations?

➤ Metrics to consider previously done:

- Panel Size
- Utilizer Density
- Penetration Rate
- Provider Participation
- Drive Times

➤ New metrics to consider:

- Telehealth Accessibility
- Cultural Competency

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# Ideas for Improving Stakeholder Engagement



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# Stakeholder Engagement

## Idea #1:

- Explore Constant Contact to send notifications to providers regarding meetings
  - If yes, HCPF needs help to compile provider information

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## Idea #2:

- HCPF explores pulling list of top 10 providers of services (by utilizers) under review so we can reach out to them regarding meeting updates in hopes provider participation will increase
  - HCPF will also pull top rural provider information

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# Stakeholder Engagement

## Idea #3:

- HCPF posts an MPRRAC 101 Fact Sheet on website to assist in educating providers/ public on what the roles of the MPRRAC/ HCPF/ JBC are

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## Idea #4:

- Continue to utilize Google Drive to pass all stakeholder feedback to MPRRAC

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# Miscellaneous Ideas for Improvement



# Miscellaneous

## Idea #1:

- Add minority opinion from MPRRAC members into report
  - If 2 or 3 members disagree with consensus, include in report
  - If only 1 opposes, include in appendix

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## Idea #2:

- Conclude all data analyses by July
  - Very difficult for HCPF to continue to complete new analyses after this

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# Miscellaneous

## Idea #3

- Include the percentage of each recommendation to the total budget for that service category for FY25-26 to 2024 presentation and report

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# Comments from Public



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# Next Meeting

Survey for 2024 meeting dates to be sent to MPRRAC after this meeting



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# Announcements

## MEETING MINUTES

- Sent to Chair and Vice Chair, then to committee
- Posted on website within 1 week of meeting
- Meeting summary will be faithful to MPRRAC recommendations and show any minority opinions

## WEBSITE

- <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/rate-review-public-meetings>



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# Thank you!

