

Medicaid Provider Rate Review Public Meeting

September 29, 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 during your service
 - Please no repeat comments
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Agenda

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Meeting Overview, Updates, and Minutes
- Year One Services MPRRAC Recommendations
 - Anesthesia
 - Ambulatory Surgical Centers
 - FFS Behavioral Health Services
 - Pediatric Behavioral Therapy
 - Maternity Services
 - Abortion Services
- 10-minute Break



Agenda Continued

➤ Dental Services

➤ Surgeries

- Digestion System
- Musculoskeletal System
- Cardiovascular System
- Respiratory System
- Integumentary System
- Eye and Auditory System
- Other
- Co-Surgery

- Questions and Feedback
- Next Steps and Announcements
- Adjourn



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Special Announcement

➤ Open seat on MPRRAC

- HCPF will start search for Gretchen McGinnis' replacement
- Information will be posted on our website
 - <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/medicaid-provider-rate-review-advisory-committee>



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MPRRAC/ JBC

- MPRRAC to present to JBC on or before December 1st
 - Overview of:
 - provider rate review process
 - summary of services under review
 - strategies for responding to feedback
 - MPRRAC recommendations
 - and more
 - This is the first year this is a requirement
 - More details to come



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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.



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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

July 14 and July 24, 2023

Suggestion for Dental Services (7/24 meeting):
Clarify the difference between the 24 codes that were the outliers that HCPF presented vs what 24 codes were submitted by stakeholders



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Important Update

- HCPF is not able to share draft report or HCPF recommendations
- MPRRAC recommendations were taken into consideration when deciding our own



Meeting Purpose

- **BY THE END OF TODAY:**
 - The MPRRAC will review the recommendations the MPRRAC has put together for accuracy
 - The MPRRAC will see a redacted DRAFT of the Recommendation report without HCPF recommendations

- **NOVEMBER MEETING:**
 - The MPRRAC and the Department will brainstorm ideas to improve processes for Year 2 Cycle 1
 - The MPRRAC and the Department will discuss what metrics to use for analyses



Analyses Updates

- Some analyses will be updated in final report (based on provider/ SME/ MPRRAC feedback) but will not be reflected in today's presentation
- Discuss in November MPRRAC meeting ways to smooth process



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Year 1 Cycle 1 Overall Fiscal Impact

MPRRAC Recommendation Fiscal Impact:

Total fiscal impact: \$143,707,976

Total General Fund impact: \$39,558,298



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Anesthesia

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Suggest consideration of the difference between moderate and general sedation when it comes to reimbursement rates
- Introduce a travel rate for anesthesia providers
- Support bringing down the rate to 100% of the benchmark, however voiced two main concerns (See handout)
- Fiscal impact:
 - (\$9,897,967) total funds
 - (\$2,896,344) General Funds



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Comments Regarding Anesthesia Services



Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

MRRAC Recommendations:

- An increase of ASC rates to at least 80% of the benchmark
 - This is equivalent to increasing the current rates by 26.5%
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$5,379,889 total funds
 - \$1,574,264 General Fund



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Comments Regarding ASCs



Fee-for-service (FFS) Behavioral Health Services

MPRRAC Recommendations as of July 24, 2023:

- Adding a language translation modifier for native language speakers for testing codes, in conjunction with a bump up to 100% of benchmark for psychological testing
- The MPRRAC recommends moving four psychological testing codes from the Physician Services review category to FFS Behavioral Health Services
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$0



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Fee-for-service (FFS) Behavioral Health Services

➤ In July 24th meeting:

- The MPRRAC recommends reviewing four psychological testing codes (96132, 96133, 96136, 96137) under fee-for-service behavioral health services, as opposed to reviewing under Physician Services category as done previously in the 2022 Medicaid Provider Rate Review Analysis Report. Some members support a higher increase above 100%, while others recommend looking at specific codes (96132, 96133, 96136, 96137) to be above 100% in order to alleviate the bottleneck in accessing psychological assessment

➤ Autism Spectrum Testing Codes:

- 96132 (100%)
- 96133 (100%)
- 96136 (100%)
- 96137 (100%)



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Comments Regarding FFS Behavioral Health Services



Pediatric Behavioral Therapy (PBT)

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Increase PBT rates to 100% of the benchmark for other states and open a list of codes that are not currently covered by Colorado Medicaid
- Codes include: 97152, 97156, 97157, 0362T, 0373T
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$34,281,532 total funds
 - \$17,140,766 General Funds





MPRRAC Discussion





Comments Regarding PBT



Maternity Services

MPPRAC Recommendations:

- An increase of maternity rates to 100% of the benchmark
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$8,942,246 total funds
 - \$4,471,123 General Funds.



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Comments Regarding Maternity Services



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Abortion Services

MRRAC Recommendations:

- Increase rates closer to other states' Medicaid program
- It is a very limited benefit with minimal codes and a few claims (less than 30), so it is not expected to financially impact Medicaid's overall budget, therefore the MRRAC recommends comparing rates to other states and for a targeted rate increase
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$0



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Comments Regarding Abortion Services



Dental Services

MPRRAC Recommendation:

- The 24 codes that the Colorado Dental Association submitted should be increased to 100% of the benchmark to have the most immediate impact on the dental community
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$104,138,137 total funds
 - \$19,015,624 General Funds





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Comments Regarding Dental Services



Surgery Recommendations



Digestive System Surgeries

MPPRAC Recommendations:

- Keep preventative surgery codes at 100% of the benchmark.
 - Preventative surgery codes include: 45378 through 45398
- For all other codes, rebalance to 80% of the benchmark
- Fiscal impact:
 - (\$1,447,136) total funds
 - (\$423,461) General Funds



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Comments Regarding Digestive System Surgeries



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Musculoskeletal System Surgeries

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Rebalance all codes to 80% of the benchmark
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$5,003,658 in total funds
 - \$1,464,171 in General Funds



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Comments Regarding Musculoskeletal System Surgeries



Cardiovascular System Surgeries

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Rebalance of codes below the 80% benchmark to be increased to 80% and codes above 100% of the benchmark to be reduced to 100%
- Fiscal impact:
 - (\$7,723,131) in total funds
 - (\$2,259,943) in General Funds





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Comments Regarding Cardiovascular System Surgeries



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Respiratory System Surgeries

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Rebalance of codes below the 80% benchmark to be increased to 80% and codes above 100% of the benchmark to be reduced to 100%
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$180,879 in total funds
 - \$52,929 in General Funds



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Comments Regarding Respiratory System Surgeries



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Integumentary System Surgeries

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Rebalance all codes to 80% of the benchmark
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$3,216,801 total funds
 - \$941,300 General Funds





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Comments Regarding Integumentary System Surgeries



Eye and Auditory System Surgeries

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Rebalance of codes below the 80% benchmark to be increased to 80% and codes above 100% of the benchmark to be reduced to 100%
- Fiscal impact:
 - (\$176,581) in total funds
 - (\$51,671) in General Funds



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Comments Regarding Eye and Auditory System Surgeries



Other Surgeries

MPRRAC Recommendations:

- Rebalance of codes below the 80% benchmark to be increased to 80% and codes above 100% of the benchmark to be reduced to 100%
- Fiscal impact:
 - \$1,809,649 in total funds
 - \$529,540 in General Funds



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Comments Regarding Other Surgeries



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Co-Surgery Surgeries

No MPRRAC Recommendation





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Comments Regarding Co-Surgery



Summary Table of <u>MPRRAC</u> Fiscal Impact		
	Total Funds	General Fund
Anesthesia	(\$9,897,967)	(\$2,896,344)
Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)	\$5,379,889	\$1,574,264
FFS Behavioral Health	\$0	\$0
Maternity Services	\$8,942,246	\$4,471,123
Abortion Services	\$0	\$0
Pediatric Behavioral Therapy (PBT)	\$34,281,532	\$17,140,766
Dental Services	\$104,138,137	\$19,015,624
Surgeries - Digestive	(\$1,447,136)	(\$423,461)
Surgeries - Musculoskeletal	\$5,003,658	\$1,464,171
Surgeries - Cardiovascular	(\$7,723,131)	(\$2,259,943)
Surgeries - Respiratory	\$180,879	\$52,929
Surgeries - Integumentary	\$3,216,801	\$941,300
Surgeries - Eye and Auditory	(\$176,581)	(\$51,671)
Surgeries - Other	\$1,809,649	\$529,540
Co-Surgery	\$0	\$0
Total	\$143,707,976	\$39,558,298





Questions



Next Steps for Recommendations

- We are waiting to know how much funding is available and our latest budget targets in order to finalize HCPF recommendations
- Staff are finalizing November 1 report



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Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3, 2023
9:00am - 12:00pm



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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!



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