



# CHASE

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and  
Sustainability Enterprise

## CHASE Initiatives Workgroup Meeting Notes

June 20, 2025

10:00am-11:00am

[CHASE Workgroup Meeting 14 Slides](#)  
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### Notes:

#### 1. Introductions and Recap

- a. Workgroup members (*regrets with strikethrough*)
  - i. Alison Sbrana, Consumer
  - ii. ~~Annie Lee, President & CEO, Colorado Access~~
  - iii. Emily King, Senior Policy Advisor/Deputy Director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care, Governor's Office
  - iv. ~~Josh Block, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, HCPF~~
  - v. Dr. Kimberley Jackson, CHASE Board Vice President
  - vi. Nancy Dolson, Special Financing Division Director, HCPF
  - vii. Shauna Lorenz, Partner, Gjerset & Lorenz LLP
  - viii. Tom Rennell, Senior Vice President Financial Policy and Data Analytics, CHA
- b. Additional attendees:
  - i. Bettina Schneider, HCPF
  - ii. Greg Boyle, UCHHealth
  - iii. Jaret Kanarek, LS Point
  - iv. Jeff Wittreich, HCPF
  - v. Jim Cairns, Public Consulting Group (PCG)
  - vi. Kami Tam Sing, HCPF
  - vii. Katie Ryan, Denver Health
  - viii. Mary Goddeeris, HMA for CHA
  - ix. Matt Haynes, HCPF
  - x. Matt Reidy, PCG
  - xi. Michael Joseph, PCG
  - xii. Peg Burnette, DHHA
  - xiii. Scott Humpert, PCG
  - xiv. Shay Lyon, HCPF



## 2. CHASE Model and SDP Design: Current Status

- a. Nancy Dolson (HCPF) described the key assumptions, approaches, and ACR percentages that are included in the current proposal, along with information around fee discounts and funding sources.
- b. Nancy described the current proposal, consistent with the preferred model discussed during the June 18, 2025 workgroup meeting.
- c. *Discussion:*
  - i. Tom Rennell: Acknowledge that the current proposal includes data from hospitals currently classified as non-state government owned or operated, which has been decided in a recent lawsuit ruling. Encourage HCPF to develop a model that reflects the current ruling. Emphasize that CHA stands for the number one priority to submit the application to CMS in an optimized scenario but still believe right up until submission that we should be running the model that has people understand both scenarios.
    - 1. ND: Appreciate CHA's position. Denver District Court ruled in favor of Poudre and Memorial Hospitals. HCPF has filed a stay on the ruling, so this current proposal reflects the pre-ruling classification. Ultimately, HCPF will comply with final court orders and adjust all impacted data and models accordingly.
    - 2. KJ: Could have two different models depending on the final outcome of the lawsuit. What financial liability does HCPF or CHASE potentially have? ND: The 2024-25 CHASE Model and SDP proposal would need to be adjusted. We would have to go back to date that court order is in effect. Would work with CHASE Board to mitigate any impact, if needed.
- d. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve the current proposal to move forward to the CHASE Board.**
  - i. **Approve: 6; Absent: 2**
    - 1. Shauna Lorenz: Is there a possibility to submit two models to the CHASE Board for consideration (i.e., a model that reflects current lawsuit



ruling)? ND: Can not commit HCPF resources at this time, but the Department will comply with final court decision.

### 3. CHASE Board Approval

- a. GPS provided a preview of the package that will move forward to the CHASE Board, including the recommended model and final report.

### 4. Draft Final Report

- a. GPS provided a walk-through of the draft final report and requested input from the workgroup members by close of business, June 20<sup>th</sup> in order to provide the CHASE Board the opportunity to read the materials in advance of the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- b. Discussion:*

- i. KJ: Is there still a role for this workgroup once the final report and other documents are submitted?

- 1. ND: We will take direction from the CHASE Board; it might depend on the specific needs. Could be scenarios where the CHASE Board might want this workgroup to come back together or work on specific questions. Assuming that HCPF will work with the CHASE Board to work through any changes in response to data refinements or discussions with CMS.

### 5. Next Steps

- a. GPS to share meeting notes with decisions and actions.
- b. Execute the plan and hit milestones, as agreed.

**Thank you, workgroup members, for your expertise, dedication, creativity, and collegiality!**

### Resources

- 1. HCPF has created a resource bank to enable asynchronous and self-paced learning. Scroll to the bottom of the [Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise \(CHASE\) State Directed Payment Program Workgroup](#) webpage and click on “Resource Bank”



2. Opportunities for independent study, feedback, and questions
  - a. There is a dedicated email box for this project, available to workgroup members and any other stakeholders:  
[HCPF\\_CHASE\\_SDP@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_CHASE_SDP@state.co.us)
  - b. Agendas, meetings materials, and notes will be posted on the  
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