



CHASE

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and
Sustainability Enterprise

CHASE Initiatives Workgroup Meeting Notes

April 23, 2025

12:00pm- 1:30pm

[CHASE Workgroup Meeting 8 Slides](#)
[Meeting Recording](#)

Decisions Made During This Meeting:

- Schedule a discussion regarding downstream logistics and requirements connected to the preprint, including HCPF, PCG, and others.

Actions Assigned:

- **Matt Reidy (PCG)** to review timelines and sequence of activities once preprint is submitted (e.g., contract development and rate setting that also need CMS approval, reporting requirements for MCOs incorporated into contracts, timeline reviews for payments, frequency of payments, etc.) and share back with the workgroup.
- **Opportunity:** HCPF will be hosting a CHASE Model Q+A Webinar on May 8, 2025 from 9:00-9:45AM. No more than one CHASE Board member may attend (subject to open meetings laws). [More information can be found at this link.](#)

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. Claire Bornstein, Dentons Health Care
 - iii. Greg Boyle, UCHealth
 - iv. Jackie Cooper Melmed, UCHealth
 - v. Jamie Whitney
 - vi. Jaret Kanarek, LS Point
 - vii. Jason Durrett, Adelanto HealthCare Ventures
 - viii. Jen, Public Consulting Group (PCG)
 - ix. Jon Stall, LS Point
 - x. Katie Ryan, Denver Health
 - xi. Mary Goddeeris, HMA for CHA
 - xii. Matt Reidy, Public Consulting Group (PCG)
 - xiii. Melissa Eddleman, HCPF
 - xiv. Shay Lyon, HCPF
 - xv. Scott Humpert, Public Consulting Group (PCG)
 - xvi. Windsar Fields, Adelanto HealthCare Ventures
 - xvii. Telephone participant ending in 6488
- c. GPS and Matt Reidy (PCG) shared a plan for upcoming meetings, a progress update, and upcoming workgroup deliberations
- i. *Discussion:*
 - 1. JB: Changes to HCPF's contracts with MCOs will likely require CMS approval and potential rate setting work. Could these actions happen after the preprint is approved? Is there anything in the practical timeline that we should be concerned about that will delay our ability to get money out the door?
 - a. MR: Will need to get back to you on sequence of events. In terms of getting money out the door, it's likely the CMS review period will be measured in months.
 - b. JB: Request a separate discussion to understand the full path and upcoming logistics, requirements, etc. and who will need to be involved downstream.
 - c. SL: The preprint does not require that actuarial rate certification be completed, but the document



must contain the date for when the certification will be complete.

2. AS: When CMS has questions about the preprint, will the workgroup be needed to help answer those or will the HCPF team handle that?
 - a. ND: Questions like this would typically be handled through the administrative team at HCPF and with the CHASE Board. It's possible that the CHASE Board may want the workgroup's input on specific topics.
3. Jason: Assuming the pre-print is not approved until after July, how does HCPF plan to handle current UPL payments for SFY2026?
 - a. ND: FY 24-25 payments will be effective through September 2025 (FFY). Beyond, we would be on an interim basis and maintain same fee and payment until we have CMS approval. At that time, there will be a sizable reconciliation.
- d. Current events or environmental updates:
 - i. N/A

2. CHASE Board Update (~12:20 PM)

- a. Nancy Dolson (HCPF) shared an update based on the April 22, 2025 CHASE Board meeting, including feedback, questions, and guidance on workgroup's efforts and timeline. The CHASE Board recommends the workgroup continue efforts as soon as reasonable and preserve a July 1 effective date for the SDP Preprint submission. Next Board update will be May 13.
 - i. *Discussion:*
 1. AS: Based on what we learned from the CHASE Board, does that solidify that we should keep late May and early June open for additional meetings to try and meet the timeline?
 - a. ND: Impression from the CHASE Board is not necessarily that the workgroup add meetings, unless it makes sense for the specific questions and topics at hand.
 - b. ND: If we can gain consensus on ACR and quality metrics on May 7, as is planned, we will be well on our way by mid-June.



2. CHASE Model Update (~12:30 PM)

- a. Nancy Dolson (HCPF) shared an update on the draft FY 2024-25 CHASE model, implications, and resources to learn more. HCPF will be hosting a CHASE Model Q+A Webinar on May 8, 2025 from 9:00-9:45AM. No more than one CHASE Board member may attend (subject to open meetings laws). [More information can be found at this link.](#)

- i. *Discussion:*

- 1. AS: Important to be able to continue covering expansion populations and also recognize the challenges. Want to highlight the priority and how important it is to preserve coverage.

3. ACR Update (Continued) (~12:40 PM)

- a. Scott Humpert (PCG) provided an update on the ACR calculation, status, and plan. The subgroup has been meeting (and will continue to meet) to discuss data sources and methodologies. The goal is to determine an ACR that is reasonable and most appropriate for this SDP and that is also demonstrable to CMS. Will present more information to the workgroup during the May 7 meeting.

4. Next Steps

- a. GPS to share meeting notes with decisions and actions.
- b. Subgroups will continue their work and tap support as needed:
 - i. Quality measure subgroup—meeting on 4/24 and proposal on 5/7
 - ii. ACR methodology subgroup—next meeting 4/24
- c. HCPF will post the next workgroup meeting on its [website](#).
- d. HCPF will post an agenda ahead of the second workgroup meeting

- 5. **Next Meeting:** May 7, 2025, from 12:00-1:30pm MT. Please visit [Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise \(CHASE\) State Directed Payment Program Workgroup](#)

Resources



1. HCPF has created a resource bank to enable asynchronous and self-paced learning. Scroll to the bottom of the [Work Group webpage](#) and click on “Resource Bank”
2. Opportunities for independent study, feedback, and questions
 - a. Individualized support and deeper learning for workgroup-relevant topics are available upon request. Please direct requests to Laura and Greg and they will facilitate responses (laura@governmentperformance.us and greg@governmentperformance.us).
 - b. There is also a dedicated email box for this project, available to workgroup members and any other stakeholders: HCPF_CHASE_SDP@state.co.us
 - c. The Workgroup will have a few business days in advance of each meeting to review upcoming meeting materials
 - d. Agendas, meetings materials, and notes will be posted on the [CHASE SDP Workgroup website](#)

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