

Primary Care Fund

Annual Application Review Meeting

Presented by Tracy Gonzales

March 2, 2022

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.

Agenda

- SharePoint Platform
- Application Overview
- Data Validation Update
- PCF Funding
- Q & A

SharePoint Platform

Applications are in Excel format

- We will not accept PDF version

Applications are housed and will be officially submitted on the provider's SharePoint profile page under FY 2022-23 application year folder

- Email hcpf_primary.care@state.co.us when you have submitted application

Must have a registered user to access SharePoint

- Email hcpf_primary.care@state.co.us to request user access with name, email, and organization
- **Accept** invitation to SharePoint and follow instructions to complete setup

Application Overview

Applicant Information Tab

- If you have a Joint Commission or Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) certification or licensure the duration of the accreditation must be stated.

Average Cost Per Visit

- There is no set formula for this
- The Uniform Data System (UDS) medical cost per medical visit formula is one that is recommended

Application Overview Sliding Fee Schedule

We expect a minimum of two Sliding Fee Scales (SFS)

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) changes in January
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

- If your freeze date is after January 2022 then there could be as many as three SFS

We need the corresponding co-payments for each SFS

- Even if your scale and co-payments have not changed, we need documentation that supports your data

Application Overview Outside Entity

Outside Entity Requirements

- Please ensure your Outside Entity is sampling patients counted to your freeze date
- Providers that had financial data validation findings in their Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 PCF application were notified to increase their sample size on February 4, 2022

Waiver Policy

Current Waiver exists if

- Grantee has been awarded funding within the previous 3 years
- Meets eligibility criteria of a Qualified Provider
- Certifies there has been no change in capacity to meet all eligibility requirements

When the waiver does *not* apply:

- You are a new applicant
- If you have been notified to complete the entire application
 - Notifications to selected providers were sent on February 4, 2022
 - Expect this every three years

Telemedicine Visits

On August 30, 2020, the Medical Services Board approved the Department's request to lift the "face-to-face" restriction stated in 10 CCR 2505-10 8.950.2.T.

Effective August 30, 2020, the Primary Care Fund rule 8.950.2.T was modified thus allowing for all means of telehealth service deliveries.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please utilize the Primary Care Fund Grant Program
Frequently Asked Questions for helpful information:

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/PCF-FAQs>

Primary Care Fund Application

Common Audit Findings

Data Validation Updates

- Organizations selected to have their FY 2022-23 applications audited will be notified in the coming months
 - Data Validation Audits will happen approximately every three years

Common Findings

- Not counting secondary insurance
- Not charging appropriate Sliding Fee Scale co-pays
- Counting Self-Pay patients
- Not keeping documentation to support application
 - Patient counts;
 - Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs); and
 - Charged co-pays

**Keep all documentation used to complete the application for
six fiscal years!**

Medically Indigent Patients

A Medically Indigent Patient is a patient:

- Whose yearly family income is below two hundred percent (200%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
- Who is not eligible for Medicaid, CHP+, Medicare or any other governmental reimbursement for health care costs such as through Social Security, the Veterans Administration, Military Dependency (TRICARE or CHAMPUS), or the United States Public Health Service; and
- There is no Third-Party Payer

Self-Pay Patients

To meet the qualifications of a Primary Care Fund provider the provider must accept all patients regardless of their ability to pay and use a Sliding Fee Scale for payments or do not charge Medically Indigent Patients for services (10 CCR 2505-10 8.950.2.N.1.).

The Sliding Fee Scale is a tiered co-payment system that determines the level of patient's financial participation and guarantees that the patient financial participation is below usual and customary charges. Factors considered in establishing the tiered co-payment system shall only be financial status and the number of members in the patient's family unit (10 CCR 2505-10 8.950.2.P.).

Self-Pay Patients Cont.

If a provider is charging patients on a Self-Pay rate that is outside of the provider's Sliding Fee Scale or is not at a zero dollar rate those patients *are not to be included* in the final Medically Indigent Patient count and should be eliminated during the methodology process on the Primary Care Fund application.

Women's Wellness Connection

WWC reimburses a limited set of services on a per-patient, service-specific basis.

- WWC patients should be categorized under Step 2c: any other type of reimbursement for health care costs by a government program in the Primary Care Fund application.

If a patient has received WWC services but also has received other comprehensive primary care services, they may be included as a clinic's uninsured count in the Primary Care Fund application *only if*:

- The patient was charged a sliding fee scale copayment for the other comprehensive primary care services and
- The services are distinctly documented in the provider's billing system

HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program

HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program reimburses a limited set of services specific to COVID-19 on a per-patient, service-specific basis.

- <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim/frequently-asked-questions>

If a patient has received HRSA reimbursable services but also has received other comprehensive primary care services, they may be included as a clinic's uninsured count in the Primary Care Fund application *only if*:

- The patient was charged a sliding fee scale copayment for the other comprehensive primary care services and
- The services are distinctly documented in the provider's billing system

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program has four parts

- Part A, Part B, and Part C grant recipients can include patients in the Primary Care Fund medically indigent patient count.
 - We will require supplemental documentation supporting which part of the Ryan White HIV/Program has been awarded submitted with the Primary Care Fund application.
 - The applicant will need to discretely identify what type of Ryan White funding(s) are being received, i.e. Part A \$50,000 Part D \$10,000.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Part D is associated with providing primary medical care to women, infants, children and youth living with HIV when other payments for such services are unavailable. Part D payments are associated with specific patients and services.

- Patients seen under Part D of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program should be categorized under Step 2c: any other type of reimbursement for health care costs by a government program in the Primary Care Fund application.

Primary Care Fund Funding

PCF Funding

- State Plan Amendment CO 21-0019 was approved on October 28, 2021
 - Allows us to draw down federal matching funds for Medicaid providers
- FY 2022-23 projected tobacco tax appropriation is \$25,351,935

PCF Funding and Payments

Starting in FY 2020-21 funding

- Pay 95% of the appropriated amount
 - Will adjust based on need when comparing to the appropriation
- True up in fourth quarter
- This will ensure payments are received when expected and the fourth quarter payment should not be impacted so severely

Application Timetable Reminder

Friday, April 22, 2022

Intent to Apply Due

Friday, May 20, 2022

Application Responses Due by
Close of Business (5:00 P.M.)

Upload completed application to SharePoint and
notify the Department at
hcpf_primary.care@state.co.us

Monday, July 5, 2022

Tentative Award Notification



Questions

Contact Information

Tracy Gonzales
Program Assistant II

Tracy.gonzales@state.co.us

hcpf_primary.care@state.co.us

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/primary-care-fund-information-providers>

Thank You!