

# Peer Support Forum

September 25, 2025

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# Agenda

- Communications Update
- Policy Updates
- Billing and Coding Updates
- ACC Phase III Update
- Q&A

*\*Reminder: Please share questions/comments in the Q&A function*

# Communications Update

- Visit the Behavioral Health webpage:  
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/behavioral-health>
- Sign up for Office Hours & Forums via the calendar on the landing page
  - *Note: Monthly Peer Support Office Hours and Quarterly Forums are on the 4th Thursday of the month*
- Sign up for the [Health First Colorado Behavioral Health Updates](#) newsletter
- Sign up for [Provider Bulletins](#) & the [ACC newsletter](#)

## Calendar

Events listed on this calendar include all public-facing BHIC-hosted events regarding behavioral health topics. To sign up, select the individual event listings for more information and registration links.

BHIC Public Calendar  
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-06:00) Mountain Time - Denver  
[Add to Google Calendar](#)

| SUN<br>28 | MON<br>29                       | TUE<br>30                           | WED<br>Oct 1                                                        | THU<br>2                                                            | FRI<br>3               | SAT<br>4 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
|           | • 3pm CCBHC Steering Comm       |                                     | • 2pm SUD Provider Forum                                            |                                                                     | • 1pm IPN Office Hours |          |
| 5         | 6                               | 7<br>• 2pm CCBHC Certification an   | 8<br>• 10am Children's Disability Ar<br>• 5pm Lived Experience Comm | 9<br>• 2pm Supportive Housing Off                                   | 10                     | 11       |
| 12        | 13                              | 14<br>• 12pm HCPF Safety Net with t | 15<br>• 2pm CCBHC Prospective Pa                                    | 16<br>• 12pm Behavioral Health Hos<br>• 12pm Serious Mental Illness | 17                     | 18       |
| 19        | 20                              | 21<br>• 2pm CCBHC Quality Meas      | 22                                                                  | 23<br>• 11:30am Peer Support Office                                 | 24                     | 25       |
| 26        | 27<br>• 3pm CCBHC Steering Comm | 28                                  | 29<br>• 1pm CCBHC Monthly Stakeh                                    | 30<br>• 3pm MHTL Level 2 Office Ho                                  | 31                     | Nov 1    |

# Communications Update

- *Bookmark this link:* Understanding the Impact of Federal Changes to Medicaid - <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/impact>
- To stay informed on the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) and the Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) subscribe to the PIAC listserv
  - <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/accountable-care-collaborative-program-improvement-advisory-committee>
- Other opportunities for engagement include the monthly [Behavioral Health and Integration Strategies Subcommittee meetings](#)

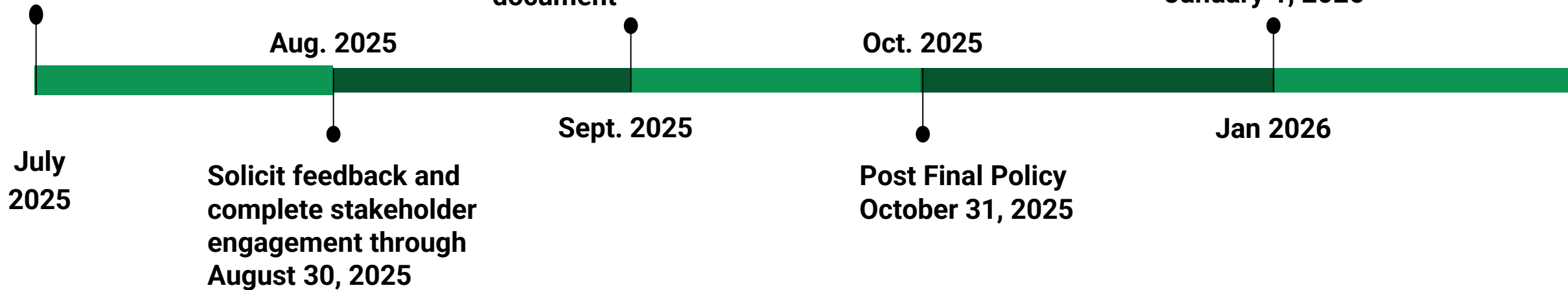
# Policy Updates

# Update on Draft Supervision Policy for Medicaid Billable Behavioral Health Services

Draft update to Medicaid Billable Services Supervision Policy

Post Revised Draft to the Policy (incorporating first round of feedback) and summary feedback document

Policy takes effect January 1, 2026



# Peer Support Professionals Certification Update

In June 2025, HCPF published the [Medicaid Sustainability Memo](#) outlining changes to Peer Support Professionals' certification requirements that would require additional documentation of Peer credentialing by January 1, 2026.

After consideration of stakeholder feedback, HCPF is implementing the following policy:

Effective January 1, 2026, all Peer Support Professionals delivering Medicaid behavioral health services must either be credentialed or will be credentialed by a nationally recognized organization by July 1, 2026, to be eligible for reimbursement for delivering peer support services. Agencies must sign and submit an attestation to their Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) or RAEs by January 1, 2026, indicating that the Peer Support Professional is either credentialed or is in the process and will be credentialed by July 1, 2026.

# Billing and Coding Updates

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- A new edition of SBHS Billing Manual is published each quarter
  - A Change Tracking Log is published with each edition
  - The October Billing Manual is posted & will take effect October 1st
- Please bookmark and look at: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/sbhs-billing-manual>
- Also note the Behavioral Health Policies, Standards, and Billing References webpage: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/bh-policies>

# National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits

CMS created the NCCI to reduce improper payments stemming from incorrect coding and billing practices. NCCI prevents reimbursement for inappropriate combinations of CPT codes. The following are the three types of NCCI Edits:

- **Add-on Code (AOC)** edits ensure add-on codes are not billed without a primary procedure code.
- **Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs)** prevent inappropriate payments when services are reported with an unusually high number of units of service.
- **Procedure to Procedure (PTP)** edits prevent code pairs that should not be reported together on the same date of service.

Visit CMS' [NCCI for Medicaid](#) website for more information on NCCI edits

**Effective July 1, 2025, HCPF began requiring RAEs to implement all NCCI edits in accordance with CMS requirements.**

# Colorado MUEs & PTP

HCPF is requiring RAEs to implement Colorado specific medically unlikely edits (MUEs) and Colorado specific procedure to procedure (PTP) edits.

Services billed in excess of the CO MUE will receive a denial message regarding the MUE limit being exceeded; providers have a right to appeal denials and submit necessary clinical documentation to the RAE, for a determination if more units should be allotted.

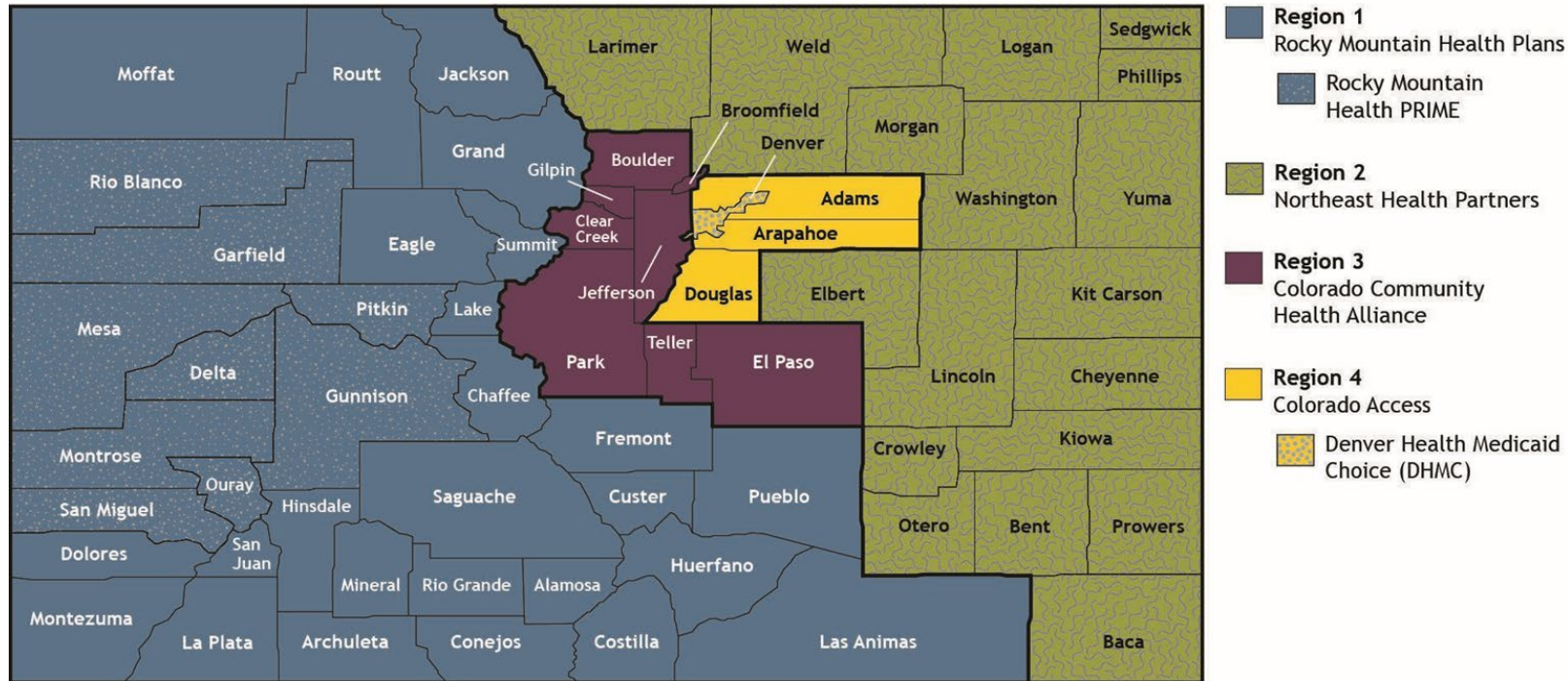
Effective July 1, 2025, Colorado MUEs for H0038 and H0023 are as follows:

- H0038: Self-help/peer services - 12 units per day (3 hours)
- H0023: Behavioral Health Outreach Service - 8 units\* per day (2 hours)

(\*Please note: The NCCI MUE for H0023 is 1, 15 minute unit per day. HCPF will continue to review this policy)

Visit HCPF's [BH Policies webpage](#) for more information on CO MUEs & CO PTP

# ACC Phase III Resources



Critical issues log for issues related to the implementation of ACC Phase III is posted on the [ACC webpage](#)



# Questions?



# Contact Info

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# Thank you!

