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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE Performance Measurement and Member Engagement (PMME) Committee

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September 25, 2025

1. Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping

Voting Members Present: Bethany Pray (CCLP), Daphne McCabe (Boulder County Public Health), Bob Conkey (Health First Colorado member), Samantha Fields (Health First Colorado member), Janelle Jenkins (Health First Colorado member), Ealasha Vaughner (Health First Colorado member), Brent Pike (Health First Colorado Member), Mike Morosits (Colorado Community Health Network).

Voting Members Absent: Fatima Kiass (Empowered Connections), Jennie Munthali (CDPHE).

Bethany Pray, PMME Co-Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming participants and reviewing housekeeping items and confirming attendance. A quorum of committee members was present. The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Bethany reviewed the agenda, noting that the meeting would focus on state budget impacts, ACC Phase III quality programs and evaluation plan, and managed care entity data reporting. She also reiterated the department's mission to improve health equity, access, and outcomes while saving Coloradans money on health care.

Erin Herman provided a summary of the September Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) meeting:

- State Budget: Matt Pfeifer presented an overview of the state budget and its impact on the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) program.
- RAE Deliverables: PIAC began identifying deliverables from Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) that could be made publicly available on the HCPF website.
- Enrollment and Attribution: The percentage of unattributed members continues

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to decline, with trends expected to stabilize near historic levels.

- Network Management: Each RAE presented a brief update on network management and provider engagement activities.

Erin highlighted upcoming HCPF stakeholder meetings on member correspondence improvements scheduled for October 16, 2025, and January 15, 2026.

A committee member asked whether these meetings would address federal bill HR1 implementation and related member notification requirements.

Erin responded that the sessions were planned before HR1's passage but may evolve as implementation proceeds.

Upcoming Meeting dates and times:

- Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

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2. State Budget and the ACC Program (Matt Pfeifer, HCPF)

Matt Pfeifer presented the Budget Reduction Fact Sheet and outlined the department's response to the state revenue shortfall following federal bill HR1.

Highlights:

- Fiscal Impact: HR1 created a \$750 million reduction in Colorado's budget, approximately one-third of which affects Medicaid programs.
- Program Adjustments:
 - Reduction of community outreach funds for the Cover All Coloradans initiative.
 - Reinstatement of prior authorization for extended psychotherapy beyond clinical standards.
 - Delay in Access Stabilization Payments for rural, small, and pediatric providers (\$1.5M General Fund reduction).
 - Reduction of \$750,000 in incentive payments for the ACC quality program.
 - Reduction of \$3M in behavioral health incentive funding for FY 2024-25 (impacting spring 2026 payments).

Committee Discussion:

- A committee member emphasized that the cuts stemmed from federal tax code changes, not state-level decisions.
- Another member voiced concern about maternal and child health access in rural areas, citing increased distances to prenatal care.
- A committee member highlighted the importance of legislative outreach to

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inform policymakers about Medicaid's role.

- A member cautioned about possible recissions of funds and urged protective measures.
- Matt Pfeifer confirmed HCPF's commitment to minimizing disruption and maintaining transparency.
- Committee members commended the department for protecting core services during budget reductions.

3. ACC Phase III Quality Programs and Evaluation Plan (Matt Pfeifer, HCPF)

Matt outlined HCPF's approach to accountability, quality improvement, and evaluation under ACC Phase III.

1. Quality Metrics and Incentive Structures

- RAE-Level Metrics: Prenatal/postpartum care, transitions of care, and primary care performance.
- PCMP Measures: Providers earn incentives through either performance or practice transformation tracks.
- Behavioral Health Incentive Program (BHIP): Includes follow-up after ED visits, initiation of substance use treatment, and screening for social drivers of health.

Committee Feedback:

- A committee member asked how non-utilizers are handled in performance calculations.
- Matt clarified that attribution changes now remove members without claims history from metrics.
- Another member asked about vaccine guidance impacts on immunization measures; Matt noted flexibility and realistic target setting.

2. Commitment to Quality Program

- RAEs are evaluated on operational performance such as appeals timeliness, call response, and provider contracting.
- Meeting 90% of standards grants RAEs full reinvestment flexibility; lower compliance triggers HCPF oversight.

Committee Feedback:

- A committee member asked how "resolved" is defined for appeals; Matt clarified that it refers to conclusion of the internal review process.

3. ACC Evaluation Plan

- HCPF's evaluation team will conduct mixed-methods research across behavioral health, primary care, and care coordination.
- The analysis will compare continuous vs. interrupted coverage to assess outcome

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variation.

Committee Feedback:

- A committee member recommended tracking members with interrupted coverage to ensure data accuracy.
- Several members appreciated the clarity and consistency of new measures compared with prior ACC phases.
- Matt noted that metric specifications will be published in fall 2025.

4. ACC Phase III Data File Overview (Audrey Keenan, HCPF)

Due to time constraints, the planned presentation on ACC Phase III Data File Overview was deferred to the October 23, 2025 meeting.

5. Next Steps and Wrap Up (Bethany Pray, PMME Co-Chair)

Committee members thanked HCPF for the thorough presentation and discussion. No public comments were received. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next PMME Subcommittee meeting will be held on October 23, 2025.

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