

## Update to Rural Health Clinic Reconciliations and Outpatient Hospital Cost Settlements

With increasing demands on Colorado's health care system in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) has made the decision to postpone recoupments for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) reconciliations and Outpatient Hospital cost settlements for rural hospitals and critical access hospitals until May 8, 2020. All other hospitals will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the hospital's request. In May, the Department will re-evaluate the status of COVID-19 and its impact when making the decision to reinstate recoupments or continue the postponement.

RHC reconciliation letters for 2020 have not yet been sent out. The Department is delaying sending these letters and recouping the amount owed to the Department.

For Outpatient Hospital Cost Settlements, if you have already submitted payment for your recent cost settlement amount, the payment will be processed as received. If a payment plan was set up with the Department, payments have been paused starting March 30, 2020. There are no impacts to the settlement amounts due the Department resulting from the postponement of recoupments. Providers are still welcome to submit recoupment payments for letters they have received. All deadlines printed on the letters have been extended until May 8, 2020. Payments owed to providers will continue as normal.