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Rate Reductions for Services Billed on Professional Claims and Institutional Hospital Claims

On August 28, 2025, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, and C.R.S. § 24-75-201.5, Governor Polis issued [Executive Order D 2025 014](#) declaring insufficient revenues available for expenditures and ordering the suspension, in whole or in part, of certain State programs or services in order to meet a revenue shortfall for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and balance the state budget. The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) will reduce all fee-for-service (FFS) rates previously increased by 1.6% as a result of legislative appropriations for FY 2025-26. This is pursuant to the Executive Order and consistent with the Governor's Office presentation to the Joint Budget Committee.

When does the rate change begin?

Resolved 8/11/25: Some Institutional Claims for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Services Billed for Procedure Codes 99213 or 99214 Were Denying for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 2029

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The rates will be reduced for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025.

Which provider types are impacted?

This will affect providers who bill using the Professional claim form (CMS 1500) and hospital providers who bill on the Institutional (UB-04) claim.

Refer to the [September Provider Special Bulletin](#) for more information.



Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) New File Naming Requirement for Trading Partners X12 Transactions

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) functionality, including batch processing and trading partner enrollment, will transition from the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) operated by Gainwell Technologies to a new module operated by Cotiviti (formerly Edifecs). Refer to the [August 2025 Provider Bulletin](#) for more information on the EDI transition.

A standardized file naming convention for X12 files will be implemented for all trading partners as part of this transition.

Trading partners are encouraged to start implementing this new structure as soon as possible.

Refer to the [Communications to Submitters Section](#) on the [Electronic Data Interchange \(EDI\) Support web page](#) for more detailed information about the naming convention.

Timelines for naming changes to response files will also be published in future communications. These changes are anticipated to go into effect in late 2025.

Contact the [Provider Services Call Center](#) with any questions.

Recently Updated Billing Manuals and Fee Schedules

Billing Manuals

- [Appendix R - Remittance Advice \(RA\) Messages](#)
- [Appendix X - CO_HCPCS_XWALK_20250915-BQ](#)
- [Pharmacist Services](#)

Visit the [Billing Manuals web page](#) to locate all published manuals.

Fee Schedules

A number of fee schedules have been updated to reflect the rate decrease effective October 1, 2025. Visit the [Provider Rates and Fee Schedule web page](#) to locate all published fee schedules.

The following fee schedules have been updated:

- ACF PETI Denver (10/25)
 - ACF PETI Non-Denver (10/25)
 - Ambulatory Surgery Center FY 25-26 (10/25)
 - Child Health Plan *Plus* FY 25-26
 - Child Health Plan *Plus* Immunization FY 25-26
 - Child Health Plan *Plus* Behavioral Health FY 25-26
 - Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory, Upper Payment Limit FY 25-26
 - Community First Choice (CFC) Rates Effective 10/1/25
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- Dialysis FY 25-26 (10/25)
- Durable Medical Equipment Upper Payment Limit (10/25)
- Health First Colorado Fee Schedule for July 2025
- Health First Colorado Fee Schedule Effective 10/1/25
- HCBS Rate Schedule - CwCHN, CHCBS, CHRP
- HCBS Rate Schedule - DD, SLS, CES
- HCBS Rate Schedule - EBD, CMHS, BI, CIH
- Home Health and Private Duty Nursing (10/25)
- Immunization FY 2025-2026
- Prenatal Plus and Special Connections FY 25-26
- Skilled Nursing Facility Rate Schedule FY 2025-2026
- SLP PETI Denver (10/25)
- SLP PETI Non-Denver (10/25)
- Targeted Case Management (10/25)
- Transportation - Emergency Medical Transportation FY 25-26
- Transportation - Non-Emergent Medical Transportation FY 25-26

Visit the [Provider Rates and Fee Schedule web page](#) to locate all published fee schedules.



Known Issues

Institutional Claims for Outpatient Hospital Services are Paying at an Incorrect Rate

Institutional claims for outpatient hospital services with a Date of Service (DOS) of July 1, 2025 or later are paying at an incorrect rate due to the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouper (EAPG) version in place.

Affected claims will be reprocessed.

Some Professional Claims for Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) Providers May Have Been Denied for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 4758

Some Home and Community-Based Service Providers (HCBS) with an approved Prior Authorization (PA) for members eligible for Community First Colorado (CFC) Benefit Plan services may have had professional claims denied for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 4758 – “Billing Provider Type/Specialty Restriction on Procedure Coverage Rule.”

Providers may contact the member’s Case Manager to determine if the CFC Benefit Plan should be added.

Resolved Known Issues

Resolved 9/5/2025: Claims for Comprehensive Safety Net Provider Services were Denying for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 1040

Claims for Comprehensive Safety Net Provider Services with Date of Service (DOS) on or after 7/1/2024 were denying for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 1040 – “Contract Could Not Be Determined.”

Affected claims will be reprocessed.

Issue resolved 9/5/2025.

Resolved 8/11/25: Some Institutional Claims for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Services Billed for Procedure Codes 99213 or 99214 Were Denying for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 2029

Some institutional claims for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) services billed for procedure codes

99213 or 99214 were denying for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 2029 - "The services must be billed to the member's RAE."

Affected claims were reprocessed on 9/8/25.

Issue resolved on 8/11/25.

Meeting Announcements



Substance Use Disorder Continuum

Invitation: 2025 Annual 1115 Waiver Substance Use Disorder Stakeholder Forum

The annual 1115 Expanding the Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care (1115 SUD Waiver) stakeholder forum will be hosted on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. The most recent Annual Report outlining the substance use disorder (SUD) component of Demonstration Year 4 of the 1115 SUD Waiver and update the community about ongoing efforts and anticipated changes will be reviewed during the forum by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department).

This year's forum will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time. Participants can [register](#) now to attend.

Visit the [Expanding the Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Continuum of Care Waiver web page](#) for more information on the 1115 SUD waiver. Send any questions and comments to hcpf_1115waiver@state.co.us.

Meeting Accommodation and Language Access Notice

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