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Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

School Health Services Program News

Our newsletter is a Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) publication which provides information on the School Health Services (SHS) Program. The Colorado SHS Program is administered by the Department in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Education. Providers participating in the program may receive federal matching funds for amounts spent in providing health services through the public schools to students who are receiving Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) benefits.

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Department Updates

Save the Date - 2022 Annual Trainings

We are excited to announce that in-person annual trainings will resume in August. In addition to the in-person trainings, we will also have a virtual option similar to the training sessions offered via Zoom last year. More information will follow once we finalize the locations, times, and virtual schedule.

Please save the following dates:

- Aug. 2, 2022 - Colorado Springs
- Aug. 4, 2022 - Glenwood Springs
- Aug. 9, 2022 - Denver Metro Area
- Aug. 11, 2022 - Virtual via Zoom

SHS Program Stakeholder Forum

Welcome to our FY 2022-23 stakeholder representatives. Stakeholders act as mentors and can be contacted regarding program best practices. The [stakeholder website](#) and areas of knowledge grid will be updated for the new fiscal year. Thank you for being a stakeholder!

Metro Region	Home District
Lynda Koenig	Cherry Creek
Marie LeBlanc	Englewood Schools
Rosa Melendez-Nguyen	Denver County
North Central Region	Home District
Gary Galvin	Weld 6
Nancy Bunjes	Adams 12 Five Star
Northwest Region	Home District
Lark Masten	Eagle County
Pikes Peak Region	Home District
Sheryl Pixley	El Paso 49
Leslie Burdekin	Pikes Peak BOCES
Michelle Camille	Pueblo School District 60
West Central Region	Home District
Hattie Pinkston	La Plata 9-R
Southwest Region	Home District
Marlee Hart	Archuleta/Dolores/Montezuma-Cortez/San Juan BOCES
Southeast Region	Home District
Vacant	Vacant
Community Partners	Representing
Joe Kinney	Kinney & Associates
Karolyn Tregembo	Consortium

We used a hybrid format at our April stakeholders meeting. Attendees were able to meet remotely or in person, depending on their preference and level of comfort. Overall, we received very good feedback on this format and plan to use this flexible style for future stakeholder meetings. It was good to see some faces in person as we are navigating this new normal.

Guests from the Department shared upcoming Health First Colorado enrollment changes as well as potential member impact.

Stakeholders provided feedback about the format of annual training going forward now that some pandemic restrictions are being lifted. While we agreed that in-person training is ideal, we will need to remain flexible as COVID-19 cases and restrictions continue to fluctuate. For that reason, we will continue to offer a virtual option. Please look for additional training details in the coming weeks.

The new School Psychologist qualifications were discussed along with potential Random Moment Time Study impacts starting in the October - December 2022 quarter. Those qualifications are as follows:

Shall possess a Master Certificate License from the Colorado Department of Education as a special services provider with an endorsement in school psychology with either an NCSP certification OR PRAXIS 5402 (147). Services of licensed School Psychologists must be within their scope of practice according to state law. (Effective Oct. 1, 2022)

Thanks to everyone for keeping that line of communication open with your stakeholders. Your continued feedback helps improve the program as well as the support we can provide.

Spread the word: Member Contact Information Update

Please help us spread the word to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) members to update their contact information. During the public health emergency (PHE), members stay enrolled in health coverage even if they have household or income changes. At the end of the PHE, many Health First Colorado and CHP+ members will receive a packet to renew their coverage. Members who fail to fill out necessary information may lose their benefits.

We know that many members have moved over the past few years. It is crucial that we have correct addresses so that members get the information they need to keep or change their coverage. [We collaborated with community partners to create an Update Your Address campaign for members.](#) Please use the following resources to spread the word.

[Update Your Address outreach materials in Microsoft Word format](#) (English and Spanish)

Program Components

School Based Psychologists - Potential RMTS impacts

As stated in the Department Updates and in previous Department email communications, the supervision requirement for School Psychologists will be lifted as of Oct. 1, 2022. As of right now, the potential implications of school-based psychologists on the RMTS program are expected to produce a positive effect on the Direct Medical Percentage. Coordinators can expect more allowable providers regarding Staff Pool List (SPL) additions. All additions are subject to licensure reviews to determine eligibility in the RMTS program.

Free Care Reimbursement

The FY 2020-21 was the first year that Free Care was included in annual reimbursement. For the fifty-seven (57) districts that participated last year, Free Care resulted in a total of \$2.7 million additional in district reimbursement. As a reminder, because Free Care was implemented on Oct. 1, 2020, only 75% of reported direct medical costs were included in the Free Care calculation. The FY 2021-22 annual cost report and cost settlement will include 100% of reported direct medical costs in the Free Care calculation.

Preparing for October - December 2022 (OD22)

Since there is no time study in the July - September 2022 (JS22) quarter, coordinators are expected to get ready for the OD22 quarter, which will open in August. Working closely with the district human resource department is key to figuring out who should be included on the Staff Pool List (SPL). Larger changes are expected to be made to the SPL at the end of the school year due to staffing changes.

Keep the following in mind:

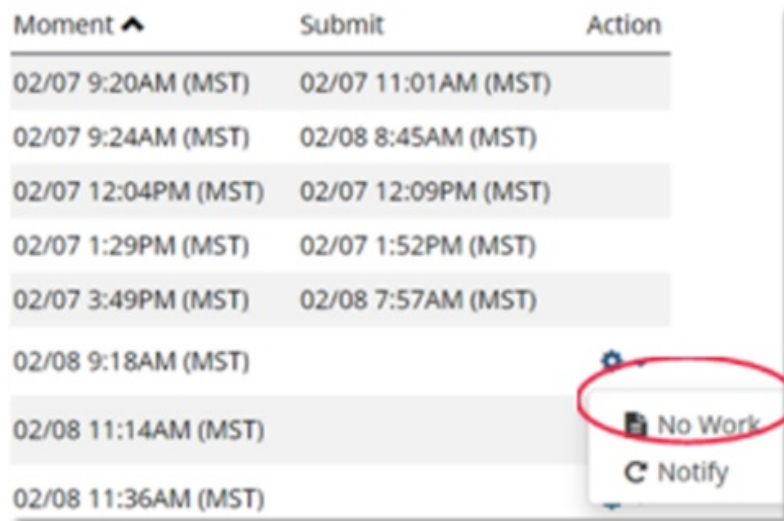
- Confirm that providers on the SPL are not 100% federally funded.
 - All direct service cost pool providers should have the correct qualifications and licensure. School districts must ensure licensure is updated and on hand in case of review!
 - Look for the 'RMTS At-A-Glance' document in August. This document can be sent to providers on the SPL to help them understand the RMTS program and once sent, helps coordinators identify undeliverable emails that require revision or removal from the SPL.
 - Calendars for OD22 should have Thanksgiving and winter break marked as 'Holiday/Non-Workday' in the PCG Claiming System.
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Justifying End of School Year Moments

Active moments that are unanswered at the end of the school year can be justified by coordinators by using the 'No Work' option in the PCG Claiming System if the provider has left for the summer break. The leave should be appropriately marked as **paid/unpaid**. These moments will not be included in the district/BOCES compliance calculation; therefore, they do not count against response return rates.

To justify end of the school year moments:

1. In the PCG Claiming System, from the green action bar, select 'All' from moments option
2. Locate the providers who were assigned moments after the start of their summer break and who will not be able to respond
3. Click the dropdown arrow to the right of the provider's name (see below)
4. After selecting 'No Work,' answer the paid/unpaid question to justify the moment appropriately.



The screenshot shows a table with three columns: 'Moment', 'Submit', and 'Action'. The 'Moment' column contains dates and times in MST. The 'Submit' column contains dates and times in MST. The 'Action' column contains a dropdown menu with 'No Work' and 'Notify' options. A red circle highlights the 'No Work' option in the dropdown menu.

Moment ^	Submit	Action
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02/07 9:24AM (MST)	02/08 8:45AM (MST)	
02/07 12:04PM (MST)	02/07 12:09PM (MST)	
02/07 1:29PM (MST)	02/07 1:52PM (MST)	
02/07 3:49PM (MST)	02/08 7:57AM (MST)	
02/08 9:18AM (MST)		
02/08 11:14AM (MST)		
02/08 11:36AM (MST)		

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Updates

Reimbursement Spending Report to CDE

Reimbursement Spending Report submissions are being reviewed along with their respective District/BOCES Local Services Plans (LSP). As a result of this review, recommendations for District/BOCES LSP will be sent to districts with the District/BOCES data flyers in August after the conclusion of annual training. If you would like to discuss your organization's review before then, contact [Omar Estrada](#).

Local Services Plan (LSP)

If your LSP expires on June 30, 2022, a new five-year plan is due by the deadline on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022. Districts/BOCES have the option to submit early. Please contact [Omar Estrada](#) for any questions or LSP draft review requests.

Need to meet?

If you would like 1-1 support on reimbursement spending, the LSP or the reimbursement spending report, feel free to schedule a session, or email Omar at Estrada_O@cde.state.co.us

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education Update

NAME announces new Executive Director, Jenny Millward, ED. D. Read more [here](#).

The NAME board has two Colorado representatives: Shannon Huska joins the board as the Region 3 State Medicaid Representative! If you have any questions about NAME or if you would like to learn more about different ways to get involved, please reach out to Shannon or Marlee.

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Registration is now for the 20th NAME Conference. The conference will be held on Oct. 24-27, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland and is a great opportunity to learn from and collaborate with other champions of school-based Medicaid programs. Not every state implements their program the same, but we all strive to support student health and wellness as an essential element to learning! Consult your Local Service Plan (LSP) to see if attendance costs can be covered with reimbursement funds. See you in Baltimore!

[Get more information, register, or to make your hotel reservations](#) Early-bird rates end Oct. 3, 2022.

Contact Marlee Hart, NAME Secretary, at mcanada@cortez.k12.co.us for more information.

Key Dates

FY 2022-2023 Stakeholder Dates

Oct. 13, 2022
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: TBD

Jan. 12, 2023
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: TBD

Apr. 13, 2023
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: TBD

Quarterly Cost Reporting

July 1, 2022
April - June 2022 (AJ22) cost report will open for district reporting

July 29, 2022
AJ22 cost report certification by districts is due

Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

Aug. 1, 2022
October - December 2022 (OD22) Staff Pool Lists (SPL) and calendars will open for districts

Aug. 31, 2022
OD22 SPLs and calendar certification due

Annual Cost Report

Aug 1, 2022

FY 2021-22 Annual cost report will open for district reporting

Nov. 1, 2022

FY 2021-22 Annual cost report due

2022 NAME Conference

Oct. 24 - Oct 27, 2022

Conference location: Baltimore, Maryland

[Learn more about the conference](#)

The School Health Services Program is a joint effort between the Colorado Department of Education and the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter please email the School Health Services Administrator [Olga Gintchin](#), SHS Program Assistant [Tracy Gonzales](#) or [Public Consulting Group](#) (PCG).

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