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Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors

This Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) newsletter contains information and updates about the Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors (Senior Dental Program).

Program Overview

The [Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors](#) (Senior Dental Program) grants funds to agencies to provide low-cost dental care to low-income seniors, age 60 and over, who are not enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and do not have dental insurance. Grantees determine if a senior qualifies to receive services under the program.

Dental Advisory Committee

The [Dental Advisory Committee](#) (DAC) meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2022, however, neither the Department nor the DAC had any items to discuss or vote on. This meeting was cancelled, and the next DAC meeting will be on October 11, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Consumer Advocate Seat Available on the Dental Advisory Committee

The Department is seeking a candidate to fill the seat of consumer advocate for the aging population. If you or someone you know is interested in filling this position and would like the opportunity to participate on the [DAC](#), please send a detailed email describing the following: A brief description of your relevant experience; your role with your current organization and your relationship with low-income seniors; and why you would like to serve on the DAC.

In addition to the information requested above, you may include a current resume or any supplemental information you think would be helpful for our decision. Email your expression of interest and any supporting materials to chandra.vital@state.co.us with the subject: *Dental Advisory Committee Seat*. Please respond by **July 29, 2022**.

Invoice Workbooks for FY 2022-23

The new invoice workbooks for FY 2022-23 have been uploaded into SharePoint and must be used for the July 2022 invoice.

Senior Dental Program Annual Reports

Annual Reports are due to the Department by **September 1, 2022** for FY 2021-22. The questions and format for this annual report will be sent to the grantees in late July. The Department's annual report is due to legislation by **November 1, 2022**.

Lawful Presence Change

This is a reminder that Senate Bill (SB) 21-199 was signed into law June 25, 2021, and removes the requirement of individuals to prove lawful presence in the U.S. to be eligible for state programs effective **July 1, 2022**. This means that starting July 1, 2022, Senior Dental Program grantees will no longer have to fill out the affidavit or obtain documentation from senior clients to show they are lawfully present or check a status in SAVE.

This does not eliminate the requirement that the client lives in Colorado. Clients will still have to show proof and grantees will need to have this documentation in the client's file. If there are any questions regarding this change, you may contact the Department.

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