

Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors

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

Program Overview

The <u>Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors</u> (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 private dental insurance. Grantees determine if a senior qualifies to receive services under the program.

Dental Advisory Committee

The next meeting for the <u>Dental Advisory Committee</u> (DAC) is scheduled for October 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. If any stakeholders would like to have an item added to the agenda, they may contact HCPF. Please include what the agenda item would be and background information on why it needs to be discussed.

Seat Available on the Dental Advisory Committee

HCPF is seeking a candidate to fill the seat of a "senior who is eligible for services under the program". If you know of an aging senior that is eligible for the Senior Dental Program and would like the opportunity to participate on the <u>Dental Advisory Committee</u> (DAC), please have the individual contact Chandra Vital at <u>chandra.vital@state.co.us</u> with the subject: *Dental Advisory Committee Seat* or they may call 303-866-5506.

Annual Reports

Senior Dental Program Grantee Annual Reports were due September 1, 2023, and all annual reports have been received. The HCPF annual report is due to the Legislation by November 1, 2023.

Medical Services Board

Health First Colorado had a 3% increase on dental rates and numerous Senior Dental Program procedures fell below the Medicaid rate. HCPF went in front of the <u>Medical Services Board</u> (MSB) on April 14, 2023, for initial adoption and again on June 9, 2023, for final adoption for a rate increase effective July 1, 2023.

Auditing FY2022-23

HCPF will begin performing audits for FY2022-23 and the contact for auditing will be Veronica Irizarry and she can be reached at Veronica.lrizarry@state.co.us.

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