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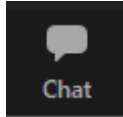
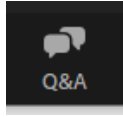
ACC Phase III Planning

Aligning RAE and BHASO Regions

April 17, 2023

Statewide Meeting

Questions or comments?

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-  Use the Q&A feature for questions.
- Please hold verbal questions until the discussion portion of our meeting today.
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Agenda

- Background, *Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing, Behavioral Health Administration*
- Stakeholder Feedback, *Colorado Health Institute*
- Current Proposal and Analysis, *Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing*
- Discussion, *Colorado Health Institute*

Background

Accountable Care Collaborative

- Delivers cost-effective, quality health care services to Colorado Medicaid members to improve the health of Coloradans.
- Coordinates regional physical and behavioral health care services to ensure member access to appropriate care.

Building On What Works

- Compliance with **federal guidance** supporting paying for value
- Coordinated behavioral, physical and community-based services through a **regional delivery system**
- Continued evolution towards a comprehensive, integrated, and accountable **behavioral health benefit**
- Innovating and evolving the **managed fee-for-service** and **behavioral health infrastructures** while holding all critical partners accountable
- **Collaboration with state agencies** to provide high quality, whole-person care that improves health equity and overall health of Medicaid members

Why: Our Goals for Phase III

- Improve quality care for members
- **Close** health disparities and **promote** health equity
- **Improve** care access
- **Improve** the member and provider service experience
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ACC Phase III Vision for July 2025

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What: Priority Initiatives

-  Improved Member Experience
-  Accountability for Equity and Quality
-  Referrals to Community Partners
-  Alternative Payment
-  Care Coordination
-  Children and Youth
-  Behavioral Health Transformation
-  Technology and Data Sharing

How: Pathways to Success

Simplifying Systems

Incentivizing Better Outcomes

Level-setting

- Today we will be discussing geographic alignment of the following two entities:
 - **Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs)** – managed by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, new RAE contracts go live 7/2025.
 - **Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations (BHASOs)** – managed by the Behavioral Health Administration, go live 7/2024.

Level-setting

- The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing and the Behavioral Health Administration are committed to being thoughtful about how the RAEs and BHASOs might align. **The shared map is created in that spirit.**
- The final map has not yet been decided.
- We are moving quickly to do our best to support the BHASO timeline for RFP, given their 7/1/24 legislative effective date.


Behavioral Health Administrative Services (BHASO) Overview

- C.R.S. 27-50-401 established the newly proposed safety net system that creates regional Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations (BHASOs).
- The BHASOs must be established no later than July 1, 2024.
- BHASOs must accept and provide behavioral health safety net services to individuals outside of their own region.
- BHASOs will operate on a regional basis.
- Entities will participate in a competitive process (RFP) to become a BHASO.

The BHASOs will:




Help individuals and families initiate behavioral health care and ensure timely access to service.



Provide a continuum of behavioral health safety net services and care coordination.



Consolidate MSOs, ASOs, and services offered by CMHCs.



Interface and align with the RAEs that manage services and provide care coordination for Medicaid members.

Stakeholder Feedback

Stakeholders are supportive of changes that simplify systems through standardization and centralization.

The Department must still consider ways to promote equity and take into account variation by population and community based needs. This includes considering what is already working well for specific regions or people.

Stakeholders hope the ACC will be aligned with the BHA.

- Stakeholders expressed concern about building two entirely separate systems and emphasized that alignment through procedures and geography was important.
- However, the Department recognizes that physical health needs for the Medicaid population may not perfectly align with behavioral health needs.

Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings

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Current Proposals and Analysis

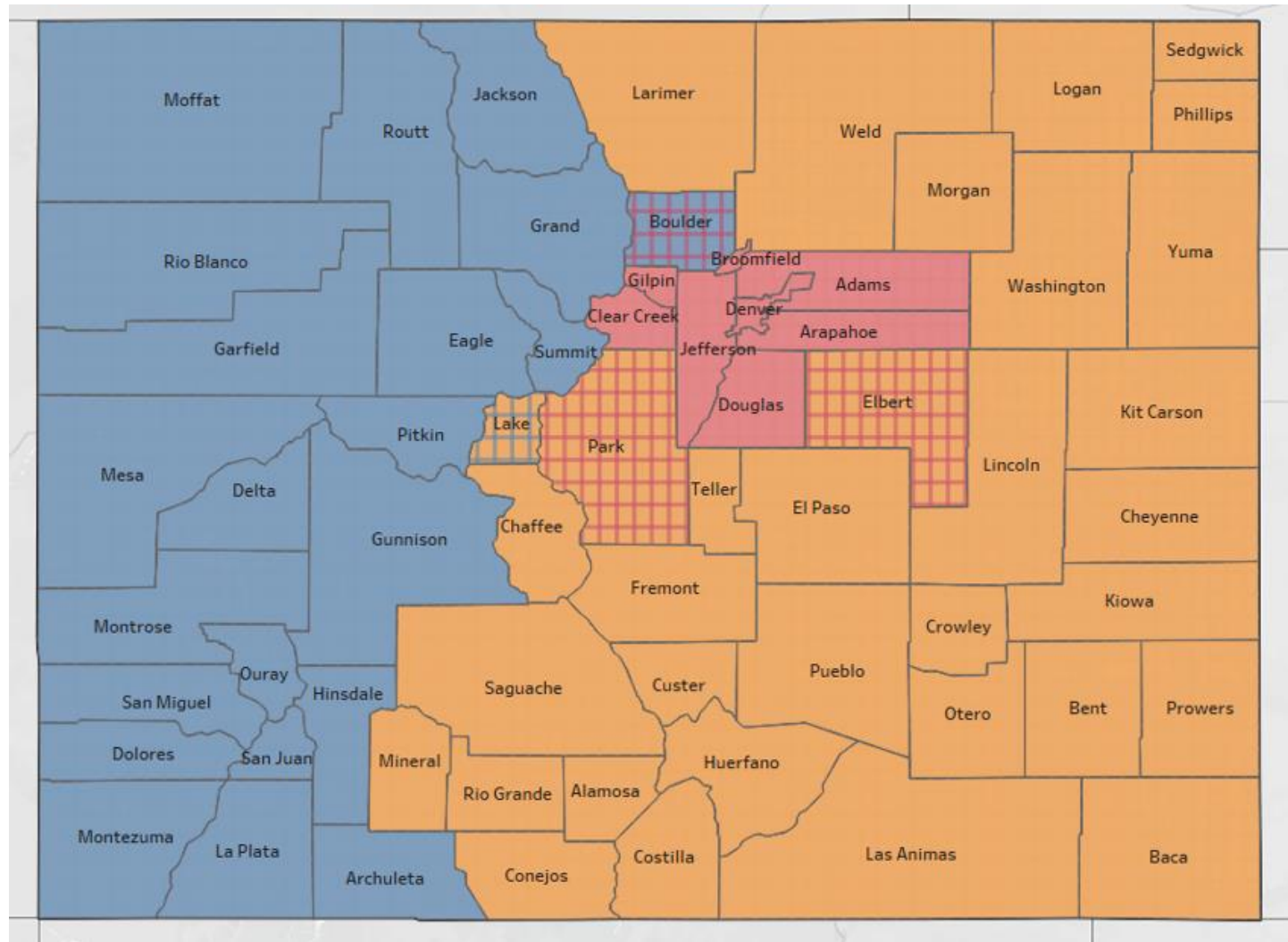
Guiding Principles

- Ensure populations are large enough to effectively manage risk
 - Include at least 2 population centers
- Support and promote existing member utilization patterns and existing care infrastructure
 - Minimize disruption to providers and Medicaid members
- Support value of community-based care

Factors Considered

- Geography/number of counties
- Population demographics
- Behavioral health needs
- Continuum of behavioral health services
- Medicaid utilization patterns
 - Utilization in member's home county vs adjacent counties
- Provider networks
- Stakeholder feedback

Three-Region Proposal for BHASOs and RAEs



- Region 1
- Region 1 or 2
- Region 2
- Region 2 or 3
- Region 3

How many Health First Colorado lives are impacted within each region?

Within the solid-colored regions (approximate):

- Region 1 (Blue): 180,000
- Region 2 (Orange): 630,000
- Region 3 (Pink): 830,000

Discussion

Stakeholder Questions

- Are there any data points or key considerations that we've missed that should be examined in the process of determining these regions?
- Should any of the regions be further subdivided to include multiple RAE regions?

Future Considerations

- Understanding how new regional boundaries will impact the number of RAEs and contractual responsibilities
- Understanding how to ensure a regional focus on care within larger boundaries

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