

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Stakeholder Newsletter



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This newsletter provides important information and updates from the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) on [House Bill \(HB\) 18-1136](#) and the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) benefit at Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program). Feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues. Previous editions are on the [SUD Webpage](#).

Your feedback, ideas and questions are welcome and can be shared with us at hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us.

Thank you for your interest!

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What's New

In November the consortium hosted a Black Action Committee community roundtable event to explore engaging leaders in the African American Community to address the disproportionate rate of overdose deaths. A committee is being established to explore the needs of the African American Community further and information will be provided through the Consortium as available.

The BHA will be providing funding opportunities for Med Units, extension sites for Opioid Treatment Programs, where dosing can be more locally administered. More information about this upcoming opportunity and other funding support is on the [State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis](#) page.

Take Note

The Colorado Consortium held its annual meeting on Oct. 27, 2022. Overview and slides of presentations are on their [website](#).

Annual stakeholder forum slides from the presentation and summary of questions and answers are now available on the [SUD webpage](#).

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) has launched a new webpage containing up-to-date information about rule updates and the regulatory process. All critical updates will be documented and are on this new laws and rules [webpage](#).

Debunking Myths & Misinformation

Did you know...

Intensive Outpatient Services (IOP) are allowable without pre-authorization to members as part of the continuum of care treatment options for members who have a Substance Use Disorder diagnosis? For more information see Code H0015, page 78 in the [Uniform Coding and Services Manual](#). Pre-authorization may be required; see the RAE page for the member you are treating to determine.

Friendly Reminders

Provider Forum

The quarterly SUD Provider Forum is open to providers and other stakeholders to learn about policies, changes and expectations of service delivery and billing in the SUD continuum of care, ask questions and raise concerns. Zoom meetings are the first Wednesday of each quarter from 2 - 3 p.m. You may register for 2023 meetings using this [registration page](#).

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