



Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting #3 Notes

January 25, 2021

1. Meeting Overview

The January 25, 2021 Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting covered the following:

- Introductions
- Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Timeline Update
- Critical Variable Survey
- Literature Review

The slide deck presented is available on the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) PCBA website:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba>.

2. Key Feedback Themes

Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Timeline Update

- The updated timeline is an improvement.
- The Department should evaluate how the PCBA will impact existing programs.
- Appropriately training case managers will be critical to implementing the best PCBA possible.
- Clear information needs to be provided on how the PCBA will be piloted, implemented, and effectively communicated to all stakeholders.
- Direct care workers with advanced training should be included in the HCBS Assessment process.



- The TAG should be fully informed/trained on the new HCBS Assessment tool.
- The Department should consider reaching out to other states that have developed similar tools.
- PCBA development should be further along before completion of Exceptions Process development.
- The Exceptions Process should focus on any information not captured by the HCBS Assessment.

Critical Variable Survey

- Colorado should ensure that funding is not solely reliant on ADLs.
- Differences in Critical Variable Survey scores should be closely evaluated.
- Data points grouped together in the Critical Variable Survey should be not be grouped together for the purposes of analysis.

Literature Review

- The Department will need to explain how determinations on adequate sample size were made.
- Colorado should focus on offering consumer direction.
- The SIS is used only for IDD populations and should not be as prominent in the literature review since the PCBA is for all populations.
- The Department needs to be cautious about using historical utilization for justifying the accuracy of individual budget levels.

Additional Questions

- The Department and Optumas have addressed contextually appropriate questions on the CO PCBA website (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba>). The FAQ includes questions received via the Google Meeting chat.



3. Action Items

- Clarify plan on the pilot and implementation of the PCBA.
- Determine optimal sample size for PCBA development.
- Closely examine differences in Critical Variable Survey scores.
- Outline a development plan for the exceptions process.
- Analyze impact of PCBA on existing programs.
- Open dialogue with peer states on their development of similar assessment-informed prospective budget methodologies.
- Post updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on website.

4. Next Steps

- Follow up questions or comments can be shared with the Department or Optumas.
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