



TEFT NEWS

News About Colorado's TEFT Program

State Update

The Testing Experience and Functional Tools (TEFT) grant program, spanning four years through March 2018, is the first time CMS is promoting the use of health information technology (HIT) in LTSS systems. TEFT will provide national measures and valuable feedback on how HIT can be implemented in this component of the Medicaid program. Colorado is participating in all four TEFT components:

- 1. Experience of Care Survey:** elicits feedback on beneficiaries' experience with the services they receive in Medicaid LTSS programs
- 2. Functional Assessment Standardized Items:** standardized functional assessment items for assessing people served in Medicaid LTSS programs
- 3. Personal Health Record:** demonstrate design, test and launch use of electronic PHRs systems with for beneficiaries of LTSS
- 4. Electronic Long Term Services and Supports Standard:** a service plan standard to enable electronic exchange of information relevant to the care of persons receiving LTSS

Upcoming Focus Groups

- June 5th – Southern Colorado Focus Group 12-1pm at [Community Health Partnership in Colorado Springs](#)
- June 7th – Northern Colorado Focus Group 12-1pm at [Poudre Valley Hospital in Ft. Collins](#)
- June 8th – Denver Focus Group 12-1pm at [COPIC Insurance in Lowry](#)
- June 12th – Eastern Plains Focus Group 12-1pm at [Hugo Community Building in Hugo](#)
- June 13th – Western Slope Focus Group 12-1pm at [QHN in Grand Junction](#)

Front Range Update



TEFT Grant Year Three in Colorado is officially underway. The first round of Focus Groups in Denver, Ft. Collins, Colorado Springs, and Hugo were held April 4th, 5th, 6th, and 10th. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and CORHIO gave presentations about TEFT, and the Personal Health Record component of TEFT. We had a great turnout both in person and on the phone, and appreciated all the feedback and ideas we received. We are still looking for clients that would like to participate in this pilot phase of the Personal Health Record (PHR). To participate clients must have access to a smartphone, tablet/computer, and the internet. If you, or a client you know, is interested please contact Heather Culwell, State Health Initiatives Project Manager at hculwell@corhio.org or TEFT@corhio.org.

Western Slope Update



The first round of Focus Groups in Western Colorado have begun. Our first meeting was held on April 18th, 2017 at Quality Health Network (QHN). HCPF and QHN presented on the re-introduction to TEFT and the mission of this grant. HCPF reviewed the four TEFT components. QHN reviewed the vision for the Personal Health Record (PHR). We discussed the details of a roll-out plan for the first part of the pilot and what information will be included in the PHR. There was a great turnout of participation, received lots of feedback and ideas to move us forward. We are still looking for clients that would like to participate in this pilot phase of the PHR. To participate; clients must have access to a smartphone, tablet/computer, and the internet. If you, or a client you know, is interested please contact Sherri Corey, Sr. Clinical Account Manager/TEFT Western Slope Coordinator at scorey@qualityhealthnetwork.org.