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Changes to Rate Review Five-Year Schedule

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Introduction

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is proposing changes to the Rate Review Schedule for the next five-year cycle. The proposed schedule revisions are based on:

- lessons learned and feedback received during Years 1-4 of the first cycle of the five-year rate review schedule;
- shifting service groupings to more closely align with related services;
- balancing out the workload over the years, as Years 1-4 have significantly more services scheduled for review compared to Year 5;
- adding additional services for review.

Changes

Services Removed from the Schedule

The following services have been removed from the Rate Review Five-Year Schedule:

- **Waiver for Children with Autism (CWA Waiver)**
 - The CWA Waiver is no longer an active waiver.
- **Physician Administered Drugs (PADs)**
 - PADs were moved under pharmacy, which has its own review process.
- **End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)**
 - ESRD is a diagnosis, not a service; Nephrology has been included with dialysis services instead.
- **Health and Behavior Assessment**
 - Health and Behavior Assessment services are not reimbursed by Medicaid.

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Services Added to the Schedule

The following services have been added to the Rate Review Schedule; many of which became covered services post-creation of the original schedule:

- **Injections and other Miscellaneous J-Codes**
 - Added to Year Two with other physician specialty services.
- **Health Education Services**
 - Added to Year Two with other physician services.
 - Includes some codes that have previously been reviewed, and some which have not been previously reviewed.
 - Added to the schedule to align with other Department initiatives being brought to the Medical Services Board.
- **Prenatal Plus**
 - Added to Year Three with other maternity and like services.
- **Pediatric Behavioral Therapy**
 - Added to Year Five with other pediatric and home-based services.
 - Suggested for rate review by stakeholders.
- **Pediatric Personal Care**
 - Added to Year Five with other pediatric and home-based services.

Services Moved to another Year of Review

The following services were moved to a different year of the five-year rate review cycle:

- **Home and Community-Based Services Waivers**
 - Due to the high volume of stakeholder feedback during the first review cycle, HCBS Waivers were moved from Year Two to Year One of the rate review cycle to isolate HCBS waivers into their own year.
- **Physician Services**
 - To consolidate most physician services into the same year of review, the following services were moved from Year Three to Year Two: Radiology, Primary Care, E&M, Vaccines and Immunizations, Family Planning Services,

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and miscellaneous physician services.

- **Dialysis and Nephrology Services**

- To better align like services, Dialysis and Nephrology services were moved from Year Four to Year Two.

- **Laboratory and Pathology Services**

- To better align like services, Laboratory and Pathology services were moved from Year One to Year Two.

- **Eyeglasses**

- To better align like services, Eyeglasses were moved from Year Five to Year Two, to be reviewed at the same time as Ophthalmology.

- **Dental Services**

- To balance out the workload for each year of the review, Dental Services were moved from Year Three to Year Four.

- **Special Connections Program Services**

- To better align like services, Special Connections Program Services were moved from Year Four to Year Three, to be reviewed at the same time as Maternity Services, Prenatal Plus, and the Nurse Home Visitor Program.

- **Disposable Supplies, Prosthetics, and Orthotics**

- To better align like services, Disposable Supplies, Prosthetics, and Orthotics were moved from Year Five to Year Four, to be reviewed at the same time as Durable Medical Equipment.

- **Home Health Services and Private Duty Nursing**

- To better align like services and balance the workload for each year of the review, Home Health Services and Private Duty Nursing were moved from Year One to Year Five, and as a result will be reviewed sooner.

- **Physician Services: Speech Therapy and Physical and Occupational Therapy**

To better align like services:

- Speech Therapy Physician Services were moved from Year Two to Year Five

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- Physical and Occupational Therapy Physician Services were moved from Year Three to Year Five.

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