



## Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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#### **Medicaid State Plan Amendment – Alternative Benefit Plan for Expansion Population**

Effective January 1, 2014, the Department will begin enrolling an expanded adult population into Medicaid benefits. This enrollment expansion is part of the federal Affordable Care Act and has been authorized by [SB-13-200](#) in Colorado. This expansion population includes individuals who: a) are ages 19-64, b) have incomes no more than 133% of the federal poverty level, and c) were not eligible for Medicaid in Colorado as of December 1, 2009.

Federal law requires that the Department offer this population an alternative benefits package that covers ten essential health benefits, non-emergency medical transportation, and certain pediatric services for 19- and 20-year-olds. The plan must also meet requirements of the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. Medical services for this population are fully funded by the federal government for the first three years. After that, the federal share gradually tapers down to 90%. The State's 10% share will be covered by the hospital provider fee.

The Department will amend the Medicaid State Plan to include the alternative benefit package and to include these new expansion clients in existing delivery systems.

These changes will allow a greater number of Coloradans to access health care through Medicaid in compliance with federal requirements.

#### **General Information**

A link to this notice will be posted on the Department's web site ([www.colorado.gov/hcpf](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf)) starting on August 25, 2013. Written comments may be addressed to: Director, Medical and CHP+ Program Administration Office, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203.

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