



## Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

### PUBLIC NOTICE

February 10, 2014

#### **Update to September 25th Public Notice - Regarding Alternative Benefit Plan for Medicaid Expansion Population – Effective January 1, 2014**

##### **General Information**

On December 10, 2013 the Department submitted a State Plan Amendment to comply with requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). As previously described in the August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> Public Notice titled “Medicaid State Plan Amendment – Alternative Benefit Plan for Expansion Population,” the Alternative Benefit Plan must be offered to all clients newly eligible for coverage as a result of the Medicaid expansion included in the ACA. This notice is intended to provide additional information on the Alternative Benefit Plan. The plan will include the same services that are traditionally available in regular Medicaid, plus a few new benefits that are required under the ACA. Currently Medicaid offers the following benefits: primary care, behavioral health, hospitalization, rehabilitative services, laboratory services, outpatient care, prescription drugs, emergency care, dental care for children (adult dental will be added in April 2014), maternity and newborn care. In addition to these benefits, the Alternative Benefit Plan will offer habilitative and preventive and wellness services ([A&B Recommendations](#)), all of which are required by the ACA. In an effort to ensure all Medicaid patients receive the same benefits, the Department will add the new ABP preventive and wellness services to the current Medicaid plan and is investigating whether habilitative services may also be added. As the Department gathers more information on the proposed amendments to the State Plan, the State Register will be updated accordingly.

In accordance with 42 CFR § 440.386 and 42 CFR § 440.345, EPSDT services that are medically necessary will be provided to individuals under 21 years of age through the Alternative Benefit Plan.

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 February 10, 2014. 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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