



Alliance State Forum Agenda and Notes



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Thank you for participating in the [Alliance State Forum](#)! This Forum is an opportunity for the state departments and Alliance members to share updates, ask questions, provide feedback and discuss issues related to the IDD system. All participants are encouraged to send in agenda items and questions at least one week prior to the meeting.

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January 22, 2026

10:00 am

Agenda/Notes (*Notes to follow after the meeting*):

- **CO Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) - Office of Community Living (OCL)**
 - [REVIEW OCL SLIDE DECK HERE >](#)
 - *Questions from Members:*
 - **Implementation Timeline for Service and Caregiver Caps**
 - Will all PARs be reviewed, including any retroactive adjustments to PARs issued prior to April 1, 2026?
 - The sustainability actions are not retroactive - Case managers are making changes for an April 1st effective date and later.
 - Overauthorization reviews prior to April 1st are underway. Providers may receive communication from case managers to providers about this, but retro-revisions are not expected.
 - Confirmation of the proposed implementation date (April 1, 2026).
 - **See slides 4 and 5** for the timeline.
 - There will be more communication coming on the 56 hour CAP/PAR issue.
 - Six Operating Memos just came out, and while that is a lot, there will still be more.
 - **Additional 0.75% Across-the-Board (ATB) Reduction**
 - Conditions and likelihood of the additional cut going into effect.
 - These cuts are somewhat contingent on the health of the budget and what the growth rate of Medicaid looks like.

- Volume reduction threshold required to trigger the cut.
 - We really don't know much yet, but the situation has not improved.
- Is JBC approval required and, if so, the level of JBC support for this additional reduction?
 - Yes. And we are not sure right now if the JBC supports the reduction or not.
- What caseload is being looked at?
 - All of the Medicaid caseload.
 - We're waiting for the budget forecast in Feb/March.
 - Could the % change depending on the outlook?
 - Possibly. And ultimately this is a JBC decision.
- **Residential IRSS Rate Realignment / Family Caregiver Rate**
 - Status update on the residential IRSS rate realignment.
 - Ultimately, MSB chose not to vote on this regulatory action.
 - HCPF still has authority under this Executive Order to move forward with this action and are continuing to do so. Putting this into effect in the Spring.
 - Confirmation that the Family Caregiver rate remains on track to align with Host Home rates effective **April 1, 2026 - *March 1 is a typo on the side deck.***
 - Any required provider actions to ensure accurate billing upon implementation.
 - Effective Date: April 1, 2026 - no changes to implementation timeline.
 - Provider Actions include:
 - Categorize IRSS settings per updated definitions.
 - Notify Case Managers within 5 business days of any setting changes requiring authorization updates.
 - Maintain documentation (service delivery records, caregiver residency verification, payroll, etc.)
 - Comply with all billing requirements per 10 CCR 2505-10 8.7407 and billing manual.
 - Providers will be trained on the rate alignment and actions in the upcoming week.
 - What is the path forward for implementation of the IRSS rate alignment given it was recently rejected as an emergency rule by MSB? Are CMs expected to include this change in upcoming CSRs without updated rules? How is this being communicated to members?
 - Implementation Path Forward:
 - HCPF is looking to reframe the IRSS proposal for MSB approval next month, including rationale and 36% rate increase analysis.

- Case Managers have been trained on the IRSS rate alignment and are expected to include changes in CSR's and monitoring visits after 4/1/2026, pending rule approval.
- Members will be informed via HCPF communications and discussions with their Case Manager.
- **Question from chat box:** On the IRSS rate cuts, if providers cut FCG rates (and pay), how will this work in our base wage reporting? As I am sure some of the rate increases, whether EEs or ICs, were passed on under that auspice?
 - Again, these are not rate cuts, they are alignments.
 - Assumption is that you follow along with what the previous requirements were for those particular settings.
 - There is no penalty if those wages go down, as long as you are meeting the requirement.
- **Direct Care Worker Tax Credit**
 - Are providers required to submit the required information for contractors, or just employees?
 - If you have no employees to report because you only use independent contractors, or did not provide any services during the year, you do not need to file.
 - The tax credit is only available for employees.
 - The bill language is specific to *hours worked*. Holiday and OT pay does not count.
 - There is an assumption that if they work over the 720 required hours they don't have to enter them all, but they do. Report all their hours worked in that calendar tax year.
 - I attempted to upload the new Long-Term Care Employer Report to the Colorado Department of Revenue website but was unable to find where to submit it. Has anyone else encountered this issue or identified where the report should be uploaded?
 - Go to: [Colorado.gov/RevenueOnline](https://colorado.gov/revenueonline)
 - On the bottom right of the page, in the *Other Registrations and Year-End Data Submittals* box, you will see *Submit Year-End Long-Term Care Worker Employer Report*.
 - DOR had a production issue in their system that was fixed last week.
 - SSN and ITIN numbers that start with 0 are giving the portal issues; no resolution yet.
 - TIP: On your CSV/Excel, go to Custom Format and format that column to have 9 digits (*tip from Alik Kassner*)
 - Could take up to a day to get your access code, so do that sooner than later.
 - If you have been able to submit successfully, please share tips and tricks via email! HCPF_DCWorkforce@state.co.us
 - If you have nothing to report, do not send in a report.

- The site will be DOWN this weekend, just FYI.

Below is the info we received from the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) about how to file.

Go to Colorado.gov/RevenueOnline. On the bottom right of the page, in the **Other Registrations and Year-End Data Submittals** box, you will see **Submit Year-End Long-Term Care Worker Employer Report**.

Request for Access is only required for submitters who did **not** already have access to Revenue Online to submit year-end withholding informational returns before December 31, 2025.

Anyone who was granted access to submit year-end withholding returns before December 31 already has access to submit LTC files.

The screenshot displays a grid of service categories on the Colorado Department of Revenue website. A red arrow points from the 'Additional Services' section to the 'Submit Year-End Long-Term Care Worker Employer Report' link in the 'Other Registrations & Year-End Data Submittals' section.

<h3>Colorado K-1 (DR 0106K)</h3> <p>First time Partnership or S Corporation filers, and third-party submitters request submitter access and upload your year-end Colorado K-1 (DR 0106K) data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Submit Year-End Colorado K-1 (DR 0106K) Data	<h3>Additional Services</h3> <p>Save time and postage by submitting your tax requests and forms online. The options below do not require a login.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Protest a Notice or Letter> Respond to an Inquiry Letter> Submit a Power of Attorney> Request a Letter ID> Developer Services> Delinquent Taxpayer Lists	<h3>Return Actions</h3> <p>If you previously saved a return and received a Filing ID, you can continue completing your saved submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Search for a Saved or Filed Return> Request a Copy of a Return
<h3>Helpful Resources</h3> <p>Need more information? Here are some helpful resources to help you get things done right.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Tax Guidance Publications & FYIs> Tax How-To Videos & Training> Tax Fraud Prevention> New Colorado Resident> Excise and Fuel Taxes> Sign Up to Receive Email Alerts	<h3>Appointments</h3> <p>Schedule an appointment or modify an existing appointment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Book an Appointment> View/Cancel/Reschedule an Appointment	<h3>Other Registrations & Year-End Data Submittals</h3> <p>Register for other tax types, or upload year-end data required for compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Register for the Oil and Gas Production Fee> Submit Year-End Long-Term Care Worker Employer Report> Long-Term Care Worker Annual Upload Template

Request Long-Term Care Submitter Access

Request access to electronically submit the year-end data required of employers for Long-Term Care Workers.

Note: If you are a submitter (third-party or employer) and have been previously requested and granted access as a Withholding Submitter for uploading W-2 or 1099 informational returns on Revenue Online, and have successfully uploaded informational returns in calendar year 2024, we have granted you submitter access for this process. You may skip this step and move on to the upload file data options.

Step 2: Select your data upload method.

Submit an XLSX File Attachment

Submit the year-end Long-Term Care Worker Reporting XLSX template as a file attachment upload.

Submit a Manual Data Entry File

Submit year-end Long-Term Care Worker employee data by manually entering individual records

NEW AS OF 1.27.26 - there will be no penalty if providers are unable to upload the report by Jan. 31, 2026.

Long Term Care Employer Report

Please note: The Long Term Care Employer Report is a new requirement for Tax Year 2025 and has been available since January 9. The Department of Revenue understands that some taxpayers have not been able to submit Long Term Care Employer Report and are actively investigating this. The Department will **NOT penalize taxpayers** if they are unable to meet the January 31 submission deadline if they are unable to upload the report. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

- **Will HCPF delay the formation of the Interested Parties Advisory Group (IPAG), considering CMS's recent extension?**
 - HCPF will delay the implementation of IPAG per CMS guidance. Updates will be sent via OCL digest and Access Rule website as more information becomes available.
- **Can you expand on the Manatt recommendation #4: Increase Program Integrity?** Which specific LTSS programs/provider types will be prioritized for these efforts and can OCL offer any more detailed information on the types of policies it may implement?
 - One aspect of this includes the new Provider Accountability Rules that HCPF is proposing below.
 - [Please provide feedback using this feedback form no later than Thursday, February 5, 2026.](#)
 - Provider Accountability Rules - we are seeking feedback on this still.
 - The proposed rules are intended to address concerns about aggressive or misleading marketing practices that

can create confusion, pressure member choice, and strain case management systems.

- The goal is to set clear, enforceable boundaries that protect members while supporting fair and responsible provider practices.
- In [this draft](#) you will find the newly proposed rules at Section 8.7420 that include:
 - **Limits on contact:** Providers should not call, text, message, or visit unless a member asks. Contact must stop when a member says stop.
 - **No sign-up rewards:** Providers cannot offer money, gift cards, bonuses, or prizes to get members or caregivers to choose or switch provider agencies.
 - **Honest ads about pay:** Ads about caregiver pay must clearly say pay depends on Medicaid eligibility and approval. Guaranteed or fast pay cannot be promised.
 - **No pressure or coaching:** Providers cannot pressure members or tell them what to say to get more services.
 - **No conflicts of interest:** Provider agencies cannot influence eligibility decisions, service plans, or case managers.
- Questions from chat box:
 - Can you speak to how the bad actors are being addressed currently?
 - There is a Program Integrity Office in HCPF.
 - We need these recommendations because right now there is very little the state can do.
 - Just an FYI I am hearing from a CMA they are already changing how they interact with providers based on these draft rules. Can you follow up with CMAs to tell them that this is not in effect yet?
 - Yes
 - These are obviously meant to shape provider behavior, but much of the "coaching" we see comes from advocacy. Any thoughts on how to manage that?
 - Maybe some of these rules will help get rid of some of the undue influence that is placed upon Case Managers.
 - Seems like a grey area that needs to be addressed in the draft Provider Accountability Rules relates to HMA services for which provider agency RNs assess functional needs and service requirements. Those assessments should be provided to CMAs for their consideration along with CMAs' own assessments without triggering Provider Accountability Rule violations.
 - Agreed - we are focusing on how to remove that conflict of interest.
 - Do you have a sense of how widespread these issues are?

- No. There are a lot of good providers, but they may lose out because of the behavior of some of these other providers. Many on today's call have experienced this.
- **Gainwell Provider Portal – Ownership Updates**

We recently attempted to update ownership percentages in the Gainwell provider portal under Provider Maintenance. While the heading still references “Languages and Ownership,” ownership changes no longer appear to be accepted there. Did we miss a memo or process change? CDPHE has indicated that HCPF is still the keeper of this record, so we're unclear where these updates should now be submitted.

 - The provider appears to be accessing the Languages and Primary Employer/Owner Panel instead of the Disclosures Panel in interChange?
 - Ownership percentages are managed in the Disclosures Panel of the Enrollment Module of interChange.
 - Recommend providers contact the Provider Services Call Center with initial enrollment or revalidation questions at 1-833-468-0362 for the most expedient support.
- Additional Question during the meeting:
 - Implementation of revisions during quarterly monitoring visits by CMA - Provider Agencies are not involved in those visits typically but are responsible for notification of type of classification of IRSS setting within 5 days. How will we know when the clock starts? How will we get documentation of the start date of change in billing? Will a new PAR be generated from these visits? Will further guidance be coming around these changes?
 - Yes guidance will be coming out and HCPF will work proactively with each CMA to review and compare records. And yes, presumably there would be a change in the PAR.
- **Alliance Updates/Reminders for the Departments**
 - **Alliance State Forum Meeting Schedule through Sept 2026** posted online: <https://www.alliancecolorado.org/alliancestateforumpartners>
 - **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - [IDD Awareness Day is March 3, 2026](#). The Luncheon will be at the Denver Art Museum.
 - Alliance on the Road in Glenwood Springs is June 24-25, 2026.
 - Alliance Summit in Breckenridge is Sept 1-3, 2026
 - [Call for Speakers is Open through April 15](#)

Next Meeting Dates and Alliance Events through Sept 2026

(subject to change; starting at 10:00am and ending by 11:30am unless otherwise noted)

- February 19, 2026 ft. Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
- March 3, 2026 - IDD Awareness Day - **All State Partners invited**
- March 19, 2026 ft. **CDPHE & TBA**
- April 16, 2026 ft. **OCL & TBA**

- **May 21, 2026 ft. CDPHE & TBA**
 - **NEW DATE:** June 24-25, 2026: Alliance on the Road; GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO - **All State Partners invited**
 - **September 1 - 3, 2026: All State Partners invited**
 - 2026 Alliance Summit in Breckenridge, CO
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NO UPDATES AT THIS TIME FROM:

- CO Dept. of Human Services (CDHS)
 - Community Partnerships
 - Office of Adult, Aging, and Disability Services (OAADS)
 - Division of Aging and Adult Protective Services
 - Office of Operations and Strategy
 - Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
- CO Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)
- CO Dept. of Labor and Employment (CDLE)
 - Colorado Disability Opportunity Office (CDOO)
 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- CO Dept. of Local Affairs (CDOLA)
- Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman
- Colorado Office of Employment First (COEF)
- Colorado Disability Opportunity Office (CDOO) (Housed within the CO Dept of Labor & Employment (CDLE))
- CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division
- CO Dept. of Human Services (CDHS), Office of Adult, Aging, and Disability Services (OAADS), Division of Regional Center Operations

Alliance Members & State Partners - please let Kylie know if you'd like to add an agenda item for any of these Departments