



COLORADO

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Medical Services Board

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES

The Medical Services Board of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will hold a public meeting on Friday, February 14, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at 303 E 17th Avenue, 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. Please notify the Board Coordinator at 303- 866-4416 or chris.sykes@state.co.us or the 504/ADA Coordinator hcpf504ada@state.co.us at least one week before the meeting.

A copy of the full text of these proposed rule changes is available for review from the Medical Services Board Office, 303 E. 17th Ave, Ste 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-4416, fax (303) 866-4411. Written comments may be submitted to the Medical Services Board Office on or before the close of business on Wednesday before the meeting. Additionally, the full text of all proposed changes will be available approximately one week prior to the meeting on the Department's website at www.colorado.gov/hcpf/medical-services-board.

This notice is submitted pursuant to § 24-4-103(3)(a) and (11)(a), C.R.S.

MSB 24-10-15-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning Removal of Obsolete Section 8.212

Medical Assistance. The Community Behavioral Health Services Program (CBHSP) was discontinued in 2022 and the associated Section 8.212 was removed from Department rule, in rule MSB 21-10-19-B, at that time. Shortly thereafter, Section 8.212 was reinserted into Department rule as part of a technical edit in rule MSB 22-02-10-A. Those technical edits are no longer relevant because the CBHSP is no longer active. This rulemaking once again removes obsolete Section 8.212.

The authority for this rule is contained in Sections 25.5-1-301-303 (2024).

MSB 24-10-28-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Eligibility Rules Concerning Return of Buy-in Monthly Premiums Collection, Section 8.100.6

Medical Assistance. The proposed rule change will amend 10 CCR 2505-10 8.100.6.Q.1.f.vii. and 8.100.6.P.1.f.vi to incorporate changes to the collection of premiums for the Working Adults with Disabilities (WAWD) and the Children's Buy-In with Disabilities (CBWD) programs. Currently, it is stated that the Department will continue to waive premiums past the end of the COVID - 19 Public Health Emergency and until further notice from the Department. The rule must be updated to reflect resuming the collection of monthly premiums starting May 2025.

The Department will be updating the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) to reflect these changes. Preliminary advocate engagement has been initiated in an effort to inform all members of this upcoming change. Further efforts will also be made by mail and direct contact, to ensure we provide as much notice and information as possible. A new operational memo geared towards eligibility sites, explaining the premium return timelines, will also be published.

The authority for this rule is contained in Sections 25.5-1-301 through 25.5-1-303, C.R.S. (2024); Section § 25.5-6-1405(1), C.R.S. .

MSB 24-06-25-B, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning the Wellness Education Benefit Section 8.7556

Medical Assistance. The Wellness Education Benefit is a service that seeks to prevent hospitalization or movement into an institutional setting by assisting Home and Community-Based (HCBS) waiver members and their families in obtaining, processing, and understanding information that assists with managing health-related issues, promoting community living, and achieving goals identified in their Person-Centered Support Plans. This rule amendment expands eligibility for the benefit to all HCBS waiver members, removes the option to request an additional mailed unit due to returned mail, and updates language surrounding the use of the Person-Centered Support Plan for the Wellness Education Benefit.

The authority for this rule is contained in Sections 25.5-1-301 through 25.5-1-303, C.R.S. (2024); Senate Bill 23-214; FY 2024-25, HCPF, BA-07 Community-Based Access to Services.