



SUPPORT HB 19-1285

Concerning the requirement for HCPF to contract with the Managed Care Organization operated by Denver Health and Hospital Authority

REPRESENTATIVE LONTINE & SENATOR FIELD

Denver Health Medical Plan, Inc. (DHMP) is a local, nonprofit health insurance company established in 1997 to provide quality, accessible and affordable health insurance. We provide health insurance to Colorado residents in the Denver Metro Area through individual policies, large group employer plans, CHP+, Medicare and Medicaid. Denver Health Medicaid Choice (DHMC), is for individuals who live in Denver, Jefferson, Arapahoe, or Adams counties. As a DHMC member, you can get care at the Denver Health main campus and any of Denver Health's nine Family Health Centers throughout metro Denver, as well as various Denver Health School- Based Health Centers. In addition, Medicaid Choice members pay no copays for covered visits and medicines and have expanded benefits, including eyewear.

WHAT IS MEDICAID MANAGED CARE?

Denver Health Medicaid Choice is a full-risk capitated Medicaid plan. Our DHMC plans is constructed in a way that Denver Health assumes all of the risk for the approximately 76,000 patients and their health care needs at one set cost per month to the state. Regardless of the amounts of services used or cost of those services. Per an outside actuarial analysis, the cost to the state of services for beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid choice is between 8%-10% lower than fee for service Medicaid, or between \$17-\$21 million.

DENVER HEALTH MEDICAID CHOICE (DHMC) BENEFITS

DHMC offers all of the same benefits as Fee-for-Service Medicaid, plus these added benefits at NO COST to the member: Regular Checkups, Hospital Care, Pregnancy Care, Mental Health Services, Prescriptions Lab/Imaging, Eyeglasses, Primary and Specialty Care, Urgent/Emergency Care. Over-the-Counter medicines such as Tylenol, Advil or Robitussin at Denver Health pharmacies, if prescribed by your Denver Health provider

19-1285 LOWERS ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN

Allowing for a direct contract with Denver Health for one of the most vulnerable populations provides the opportunity for less administrative burden and the potential for increase in the timeliness of data reporting to the Department. The DHMC plans currently uses an unnecessary pass-through the regional RAE from the department to Denver Health, at no benefit to the member or the state. 19-1285 aims to provide more efficient administration of benefits to our Medicaid Choice population by minimizing the administrative burden. The added administrative cost to the system from the current model is estimated at \$1.1 million.

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