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Access Stabilization Payment Timeline Guidance

June 2025

General Message

Following the state legislative approval for the use of these funds, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) expects to begin the Access Stabilization Payments in Fall 2025. HCPF recognizes the importance that Access Stabilization Payments will have in maintaining and growing access for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members, and will continue to provide updates on the implementation timeline. Questions can be directed to Devin Kepler, devin.kepler@state.co.us.

Expected FAQs

How is this different from previously communicated timelines? In HCPF's PCMP Payment Education Series, we shared that the Access Stabilization Payments were expected to begin July 1, 2025. Due to additional implementation needs, we expect these payments to begin Fall 2025.

What additional implementation needs are required for these payments? Following state legislative approval for the use of these funds, HCPF is working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to secure the appropriate federal funding for the Access Stabilization Payments.

Will this impact the amount of funds I will receive in FY25-26? This is not expected to change the total funding that an eligible PCMP would receive over the course of FY25-26.

For more information contact

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