



Informing a Stronger Medicaid Delivery System:

Why You Should Comment on the ACC RFI

Background on the ACC:

The Medicaid Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) is the mechanism for care delivery for approximately 700,000 Medicaid clients (out of 1 million), and this volume continues to grow. The ACC was begun in 2011, with the idea of delivering quality care while deploying innovative strategies to lower costs. The state was organized into seven separate regions with a local contractor managing each region, in order to establish the community at the center of this system. The contractors (or regional care collaborative organizations or RCCOs) manage the primary care provider network for the patients in their region, as well as care coordination services for patients who need it.

The RCCOs also manage the “medical neighborhood,” by ensuring that patients have usual source of care with a primary care provider as well as specialty care access if they need referrals. RCCOs also ensure that patients have access to other resources they may need outside of the medical settings through referrals to local service organizations. Their work is evaluated through quality and other data, and RCCOs use payment incentives to develop their networks and encourage innovations.

Such populations who are included in the ACC are: children, parents, adults, pregnant women, and Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.

Background on the RFI:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) is required to put the RCCO contracts up for competitive re-bid in 2015 (to go into effect in 2016). To gather stakeholder feedback for the most effective contract selections, HCPF has released a Request for Information (RFI) with a public comment deadline of **November 24**.

Outlined below are key points to HCPF’s vision for the next iteration of the ACC:

- Transforming from medical model to health model
- Moving toward person-centered, integrated, coordinated supports & services
- Integration of behavioral health
- Building off unique local strengths
- Incorporating client perspectives
- More efficiency for more quality care at lower cost
- Alignment of financial drivers in Medicaid care delivery

RFI asks about bigger picture questions that are important to all populations:

- Provider directory



- Provider networks
- Integrating with the Behavioral Health Organizations
- Engaging with all parts of the health care system
- Payment structure and quality monitoring
- Health information technology

Next Steps:

As the contractors play a big role in how the ACC is managed and operated, informing how the contractors should be selected is a significant opportunity for all stakeholders. The RFI is NOT a solicitation of bids for contracting, and it is NOT limited to Medicaid experts or those involved with the ACC.

As this is an important opportunity for all stakeholders, here are some next steps that should be considered:

- Review RFI questions for relevance to organization and expertise, and send in comments
 - In commenting, not every single question needs to be answered. Most relevant questions can be selected for comments.
 - Do not include protected health information in the responses.
- Engage your colleagues and stakeholders to help share meaningful comments
- Share RFI with networks so HCPF can receive the most robust feedback

RFI comments are due **November 24 at 3pm** (though you do not have to wait until the deadline to submit—HCPF appreciates early responses!). Comments can be submitted via email (RCCORFP@state.co.us) or mailed (ACC Team, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203). You can also ask questions via email or phone (303-866-5351).