

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING COVERCOLORADO PROVIDER FEE SCHEDULE

TO: Colorado Healthcare Providers
CoverColorado Members

FROM: Board of Directors, CoverColorado

WHEN: September 14, 2010 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WHERE: Molly Blank Auditorium, National Jewish Hospital, 1400 Jackson Street
Enter from Colfax and Jackson; park in patient parking

CoverColorado is the State high risk pool. It provides access to health insurance for those Colorado residents who are unable to obtain health insurance or unable to obtain health insurance except at prohibitive rates or with restrictions or exclusions. CoverColorado is funded through member premiums, federal grants, contributions and specials fees paid by health insurers and the Colorado Unclaimed Property Trust Fund (UPF). CoverColorado currently has approximately 12,000 members.

The availability of future funding from the UPF is limited. To extend the availability of UPF funding, the Board of Directors of CoverColorado is seeking cost-saving measures. To this end, S.B. 10-020 granted to the Board the authority to establish its own fee schedule for health care providers treating CoverColorado members. CoverColorado currently pays commercial insurer rates to health care providers. The Board has determined that an overall reduction in claims costs is needed to extend UPF funding to 2014. CoverColorado expects to wind down operations in January 2014 as a result of the health care reform law recently passed by Congress.

The Board is in the process of establishing a fee schedule to apply to all health care providers that render services to CoverColorado members throughout the State. The fee schedule will prohibit balance billing by providers. By law, the fee schedule must be set at amounts that exceed the reimbursement generally paid to any category of provider by Medicare. In addition, the Board must consider:

- The equity of the fee schedule to health care providers
- The impact a fee schedule may have on the cost shift to other payers
- The impact a fee schedule may have on access to health care providers

As part of the process, the Board is seeking input from health care providers and interested consumers/members as to the best way to achieve the needed savings in claims costs. We need *your* input.

You may provide input both in person at the open meeting on September 14, 2010 and/or by written comments sent to the following address:

CoverColorado
Attn: Executive Director
Fee Schedule
425 South Cherry Street, Suite 160
Glendale, CO 80246

Or by email to: sbgamble@covercolorado.org

The Board asks that specific fee amounts be discussed only in written comments. Any such information will remain confidential under exceptions to the Open Records Act.

All written comments must be dated no later than September 20, 2010.