



Alliance Membership Meeting

February 22, 2024

8:00-9:30am

The Alliance Membership Meeting will be recorded, and meeting highlights will be provided after.

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Government Relations Report

- Updates from the Capitol (Emma Hudson)
- Updates to Alliance’s 2024 Legislative Agenda (Ellen)
- Colorado Budget (Emma)
- [GRACE](#) (Next meeting: 2/26 @ 1PM)
 - Bills (Maria)
 - Rules (Ellen)
 - FYI: incorrect link in IM 24-004
- Federal Gov’t Relations (Josh)
 - Bills: Disability Community Act & SOC
 - Rules: Access and Overtime
- March Disability Awareness Advocacy Events
 - **March 4th:** [DSP/CM/Advocate of the Year Finalists Webinar](#)
 - **March 7th:** [Disability Rights Advocacy Day at the Capitol](#) (hosted by DLC)
 - **March 11th:** [IDD Policy Overview & Advocacy Training](#)
 - **March 20th:** [IDD Awareness Day at the Capitol](#) (Luncheon Tickets on sale through March 4.) - Awards Luncheon at the Denver Art Museum: DSP, Case Manager and Advocate of the Year Awards.



Alliance Policy Team

Alliance Government Relations (2024)



Government Relations Advisory Committee of Excellence

[Click here to visit Alliance's Member-Only Government Relations Webpages](#)

				
<small>Ellen Jensby Senior Director of Public Policy & Operations</small>	<small>Maria Jasso Public Policy & Communications</small>	<small>Emma Hudson Government Affairs Consultant</small>	<small>Josh Rael Executive Director</small>	
				
<small>Randy Brodersen North Metro GRACE PASA Chair</small>	<small>Shari Repinski RMHS GRACE CMA Chair</small>	<small>Rob DeHerrera DDRC GRACE EI Chair</small>	<small>Jodi Walters PPCH ANCOR/Federal Chair</small>	<small>Celeste Ewert Envision Alliance BOD President</small>
				
<small>Nardos Tesfamichael Thrive Community Options</small>	<small>Tim Cunningham Cheyenne Village</small>	<small>Alexis Marsh Easterseals Colorado</small>	<small>Ksana Oglesby Mountain Valley</small>	<small>Dr. David Hatfield Oliver Behavioral Consultants</small>



FY 24-25 Proposed Rate Increases

***All rate increases shown are *proposed* in the Governor's budget and are not yet final* [Updated 2.21.24]**

HCBS BASE WAGE

This year, the Gov. proposes giving base wage increases *plus* the common policy increase to the following services

SERVICE CATEGORY	BASE WAGE INCR.: Outside Denver (\$16.55) (% is weighted average)	BASE WAGE INCR.: Denver (\$18.29) (% is weighted average)	Plus COMMON POLICY INCR.
Adult Day Services	4.9%	5.6%	1%
Community First Choice Services (Personal Care, Homemaker, Health Maint. Activities, CDASS, IHSS)	Vary*	Vary*	1%
Day Habilitation	3.8%	4.4%	1%
Mentorship	1.7%	2.1%	1%
Non-Med. Transp.	3.3%	3.7%	1%
Prevocational Services	4.7%	5.6%	1%
Residential Habilitation	3.5%	4.3%	1%
Respite	3.1%	3.6%	1%
Supported Employment	2.3%	2.7%	1%

* Beginning in 2025, HCPF will align the rates for these services that currently exist across multiple waivers to create a single rate for each service within the Medicaid State Plan. We anticipate they will get the base wage increase this year.

SOURCES

HCPF Budget Requests [R-06](#) (provider rates), and updated Table 8.1 sent directly by HCPF
 Dept. of Early Childhood Requests [R-07](#) (EI Caseload increase) & [R-08](#) (Provider Rate Increase)

"COMMON POLICY" RATE INCREASE

Other HCBS and Medicaid Services Targeted Case Management State SLS, Family Support Services Program	1%
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CASE MANAGEMENT

New Single Assessment Rates

Initial Basic	\$260.28
Annual Reassessment Basic	\$244.31
Initial Comprehensive	\$325.36
Annual Reassessment Comprehensive	\$272.34

EARLY INTERVENTION

2% provider rate increase
 \$1.1 million for caseload growth

REGIONAL CENTER TRANSITIONS

Set Residential rate to replace negotiated level 7	\$350 per diem
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PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES

Adopt MPRRAC recommendation to bring these rates to 100% of the benchmark identified by HCPF.



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Bill Updates

Bill Updates (02.21.24)

Bills Supporting	6	HB24-1019: Crisis Resolution Team Program HB24-1146: Medicaid Provider Suspension for Organized Fraud HB24-1161: Motor Vehicle Access Individuals with Disabilities HB24-1165: Denver Airport Accessibility HB24-1229: Presumptive Eligibility for Long-Term Care SB24-006: Pretrial Diversion Programs
Bills Monitoring	5	HB24-1034: Adult Competency to Stand Trial HB24-1038: High-Acuity for Children & Youth HB24-1066: Prevent Workplace Violence in Health-Care Settings SB24-059: Children’s Behavioral Health Statewide System of Care SB24-069: Clarify Individualized Education Program Information
Total Bills Reviewed	26	10 have been dropped from the tracker and we are still deliberating on 5, one of which we may try to amend



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Awareness Day RSVPs

Sent Regrets
 Senator Kolker
 Rep. McCormick
 Rep. Pugliese

COUNTY	LEGISLATOR(S)	COUNTY	LEGISLATOR(S)
Adams	Sens Zenzinger & Michaelson Jenet, Reps Rutinel & Willford	El Paso	Sen Liston & Rod Pelton
Arapahoe	Reps Froelich & Hamrick	Garfield	Rep Velasco, Sens Roberts & Will
Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan	Rep McLachlan	Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Summit, Clear Creek	Sen Roberts
Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Elbert, Huerfano, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Las Animas, Lincoln, Otero, Prowers	Rep Ty Winter & Sen Rod Pelton	Jefferson	Sen Zenzinger, Rep Lieder
Boulder	Rep Parenti, Sens Jacquez Lewis & Marchman	Larimer	Reps Armagost, Kipp, & Weinberg, Sens Ginal & Marchman
Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose	Sen Will	Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt	Rep Lukens, Sen Roberts
Denver	Rep Froelich	Pitkin	Rep Velasco, Sen Will
Douglas	Reps Frizell & Hamrick	Pueblo	Rep Ty Winter
Eagle	Reps Lukens & Velasco, Sens Will & Roberts	Weld	Reps Armagost, Parenti, & Young, Sen Jacquez Lewis



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Leadership Reports

- [BOD Update](#) - by Randy Brodersen, Alliance BOD Vice-President (Next Meeting: March 20)
 - New CAN Member welcomed to Alliance: [Tennyson Center for Children](#)
 - The February BOD meeting was canceled.

Alliance Board of Directors
(FY2023-2024)

 Tara Klene Alliance Board Secretary (Term Ends 6/30/25) & President/CEO of Community Connections, Inc. (CCI) tklene@colorado.org	 Randy Brodersen Alliance Board Vice-President (Term Ends 6/30/24) & CEO of South Metro Community Services (CCB) Randy.Brodersen@smcva.org	 Celeste Ewert Alliance Board President (Term Ends 6/30/24) & Executive Director of Eclusion (CCI) cewert@eclusion.org	 Sally Montgomery Alliance Board Treasurer (Term Ends 6/30/25) & Executive Director of Mission in Northern CO (PASA) sally.montgomery@missionco.org	 Jodi Walters Alliance Board Past President & ANCO Board of Regs. (Term Ends 6/30/24) & Executive Director of Zephyr Personal Care Services (PASA) jwalters@zephyr.com		
 David B. Hatfield, Ph.D. Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/25) & Chief Executive Officer of Child Behavioral Consultants (PASA) dhatfield@cbcr.com	 Alexa Lanpher Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/26) & Executive Director of Gallop & Associates (PASA) & Lanpher@continuumcolorado.org	 Shanda McClaren Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/25) & Senior Director (Colorado) of Inprogen (The Children's PASA) smcclaren@inprogen.com	 Cindy Opheim Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/25) & Chief Executive Officer of Southwood Community Alternatives (PASA) cwopeim@cswooda.org	 Alyse Preston Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/25) & Associate Vice President of Growth (PASA) apreston@growthus.com	 Sara Sims Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/24) & Executive Director of Mountain Valley Developmental Services (CCI) sims@mtvds.org	 Matt VanAuken Alliance Board Member (Term Ends 6/30/24) & Executive Director/CEO of Developmental Services (CCI) mvanauken@dcso.org



Alliance Policy and Membership Meeting Reports

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Committee Reports

Policy Committees

- [CMA](#) Matt (Next meeting: March 7 @ 9 - 10am)
 - CMA Stability Concerns
 - [Letter to Bonnie Silva on LTSS Stability Concerns \(02.09.24\)](#)
 - Follow up from Alliance's 2.17.24 meeting with OCL.
- [EI](#) - Rob (Next meeting: TBA)
 - Updates on a meeting with CDEC's CFO.
- [ERIC](#) - Tara & Corry (Next meeting: March 12 @ 1-2pm)
 - No Updates.
- [Employment](#) - Tom (Next meeting TBA)
 - No Updates
- [Host Home Safety and Rules](#) - Kristie (Next Alliance meetings: Feb 22 @ 2-3pm and March 21 @ 2-3pm)
 - [HCPF's Host Home Oversight Committee](#)
 - Feb 21 HCPF Meeting POSTPONED: Host Home Oversight Stakeholder Meeting, NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 2 p.m. MT
 - Alliance Host Home Survey. You can take it [HERE](#)>
- [Housing](#) - Cindy (Next meeting TBA)
 - [Housing Vouchers Webinar: February 13th at 11am.](#)
 - Watch the recording [HERE](#)>

Alliance Policy Committee Chairs
(2024)
Access links to Alliance's Committees [HERE](#)>

Case Management Agency (CMA)	Early Intervention (EI)	Emergency Response in Communities (ERIC)
 Chair: Matt VanAuken, DP Alliance Staff Lead: Josh CMA Committee Webpage	 Chair: Rob DeHerrera, DDRC Alliance Staff Lead: Josh EI Committee Webpage	 Co-Chairs: Tara Klene, CCI and Dr. Corry Robinson-Rosenberg, JFK Partners Alliance Staff Lead: Maria ERIC Committee Webpage
Host Home Safety and Rules	Housing	Employment
 Chair: Kristie Braaten, DDRC Alliance Staff Lead: Ellen Host Home Safety and Rules Committee Webpage	 Chair: Cindy Opheim, Cottonwood Alliance Staff Lead: Maria Housing Committee Webpage	 Chair: Tom Knost, Continuum of Colorado Alliance Staff Lead: Ellen Employment Committee Webpage



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Membership Committees

- [Alliance Nominating Committee](#) - 2024 Chair: Roxane Miller-Freutel, Jewish Family Service
 - Meet the 2024 Alliance Nominating Committee.
 - Call for Nominations: for the 2024-25 BOD. Nominate [HERE>](#)
- [Member Services](#) - Cindy (Next meeting: March 20 in conjunction with the BOD Meeting)
 - Approved the Alliance Colorado Advocacy Network (CAN) Member application for Tennyson Center for Children and advanced to the BOD for final approval.
 - [New Strategic Partner \(SP\) Member Application from Wayfinder](#)
- [IDEA](#)- Dre (Next meeting: February 28 at 12:30 - 1:30pm)
 - IDEA Quarterly Webinar: "Addressing DEIA Fatigue: Reenergizing Your Organization" by Nick Manning on March 13th 1-2PM. More info coming soon.



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Staff Updates

Public Health Emergency Unwind

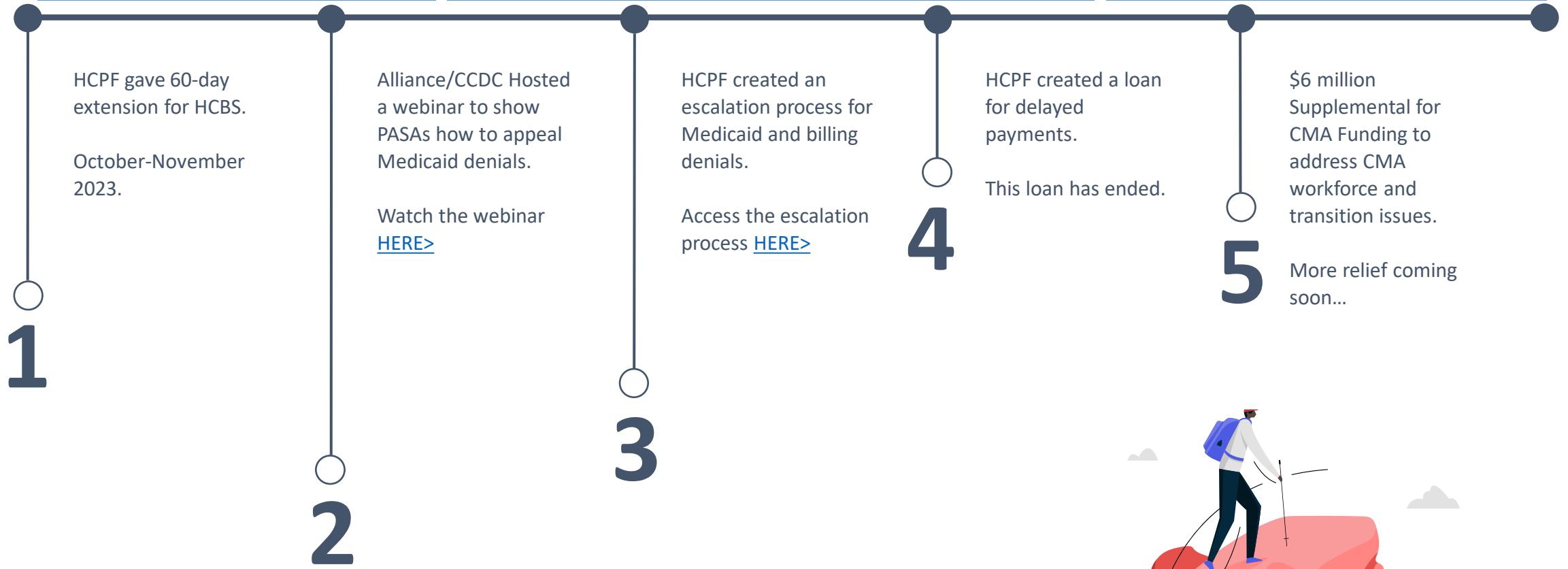
Counties struggle to keep up

Case Management (CM) Redesign and New CM System

CCB/SEPs began to transfer case management functions to new Case Management Agencies (CMAs) and HCPF implement a new CM data system.

Billing Delays

Due to the PHE Unwind, CMRD, the new CM system, and workforce crisis, providers are seeing significant billing delays and CMAs are overworked.





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Staff Updates

- Alliance State Updates
 - The Perfect Storm of IDD Issues
 - PHE Unwind
 - CMRD Transition
 - CCM Issues
 - Billing Delays
 - Ongoing Capacity (low rates/workforce) Issues
 - [MPRRAC](#)
 - First meeting on HCBS Rates: March 29th. More info coming soon.
 - Updates from HCPF's ARPA Quarterly webinar
 - NEW: [Alliance Public Feedback Form](#) (button on the bottom right of Alliance's Website.)
- Alliance High Priority Work
 - CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Relations
 - Class B Licensure for all Personal Care in 2025
 - [Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board](#)
 - Statewide/Rural Stabilization.
- Evolution of Alliance
 - [Evolution of Alliance Membership Webinar](#)
 - **Membership Survey Due February 28th.** (Contact Kylie for the link if you don't have it.)
 - Consultants' research on other State Associations
 - CMA Membership Growth
 - [CMA/Alliance Peer Network Forum \(with Member & Non-Member CMAs\)](#)
February 27 @ 1:00 - 2:00pm via zoom
 - CMA 2024 Dues Structure



- Other Reminders
 - Alliance Webinar: [Combat Human Trafficking: February 14th at 10am.](#)
 - Watch the recording [HERE](#)>
 - **Alliance Annual Self-Reported Dues Renewal Form:** Kylie is still waiting on over 40 members to send this form back to us. This form was only sent to our main member contact. **This form is due March 1!**



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Staff Updates: Important Upcoming Dates to Note (Kylie)

Meeting Schedule for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 now available via [PDF](#)

Save the Dates:

March 4, 11, and 20: [IDD Awareness Day webinars and main event!](#)

June 19 – 20: [Alliance on the Road](#) in Weld County

August 20 – 22: Alliance Summit in Breckenridge

Sept 25-27: Six State Summit in Bozeman (request info [here >](#))

[Alliance State Forum \(featuring CDEC\)](#) *(time changed to accommodate a CMA/HCPF Meeting at 10am)*

February 22 @ **9:30 - 10:00am** via zoom

[Alliance Host Home Rules and Safety Committee](#)

February 22 @ 2:00 - 3:00pm via zoom

[Government Relations Committee of Excellence \(GRACE\)](#)

February 26 @ 1:00 - 2:00pm via zoom

[CMA/Alliance Forum \(with Member & Non-Member CMAs\)](#)

February 27 @ 1:00 - 2:00pm via zoom

[Alliance IDEA Committee](#)

February 28 @ 12:30pm via zoom

Remember, you can always reference the Alliance Calendar here: www.alliancecolorado.org/alliance-calendar

CAN Members can reference: www.alliancecolorado.org/canmembersonly

**Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
Awareness Day**

Register Now!

**Virtual and in-
person options on
March 20!**



March 4 @ 11:00am -12:00pm

WEBINAR: Finalists Announced for
Direct Support Professional, Case
Manager, and Advocate of Year

March 11 @ 8:30 - 9:30am

WEBINAR: IDD Policy Overview &
Advocacy Training

March 20 @ 9:00am

Pledge of Allegiance & IDD Day
Tributes at the Capitol or
virtual

March 20 @ 12:00pm

IDD Awareness Day Luncheon
**Currently limited to 4 in-person tickets
per agency, regardless of number of
locations or size. Register by March 4!*

View event details and register at

www.alliancecolorado.org/iddawarenessday2024



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Membership Discussion and Feedback Forum

- Future agenda items.
- Feedback for the Alliance BOD.
- Questions for fellow members.
- Questions for state partners.
- Feedback for staff.

