2019 Colorado Access Monitoring Review Plan

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Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources



Federal Access Requirements

- Methods for Assuring Access to Covered Medicaid Services (80 FR 67575)
 - Requires states to consider whether access to health care services will be impacted when provider fees are lowered or rebalanced (exceptions apply).
 - Also requires states to draft an Access Monitoring Review Plan (AMRP) every three years to evaluate access broadly.

Access Monitoring Review Plan

- The AMRP reports on access to five broad categories of services:
 - primary care
 - physician specialists
 - fee-for-service behavioral health
 - pre- and post-natal obstetrics (including labor and delivery)
 - home health services

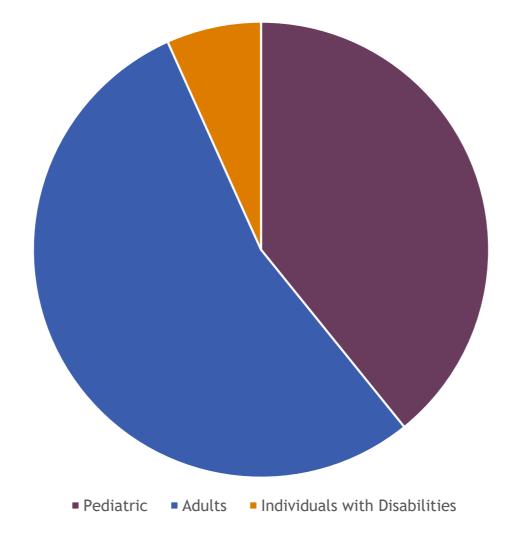
2019 AMRP Findings



Medicaid in Colorado

Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)
 provides coverage to more than 23.4% of the State's

population



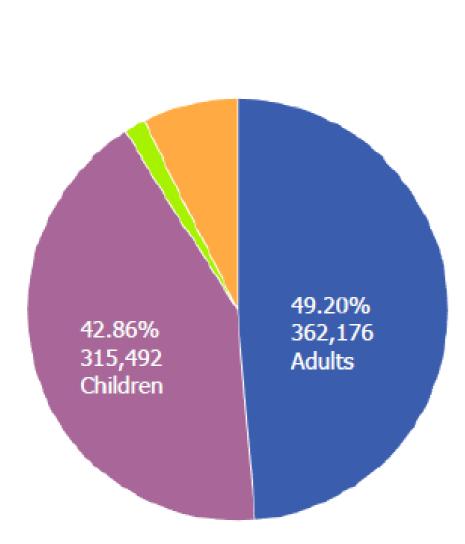


Figure 9 – Utilizers by Demographic Groups

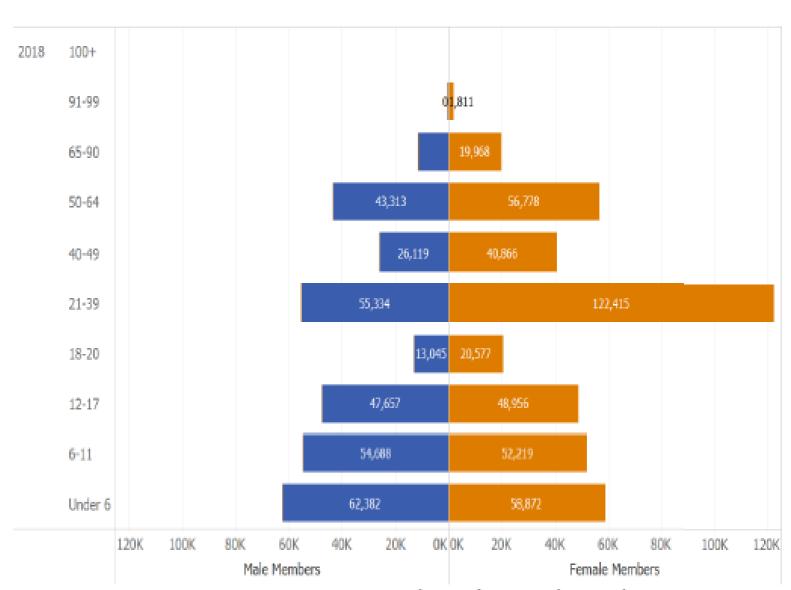
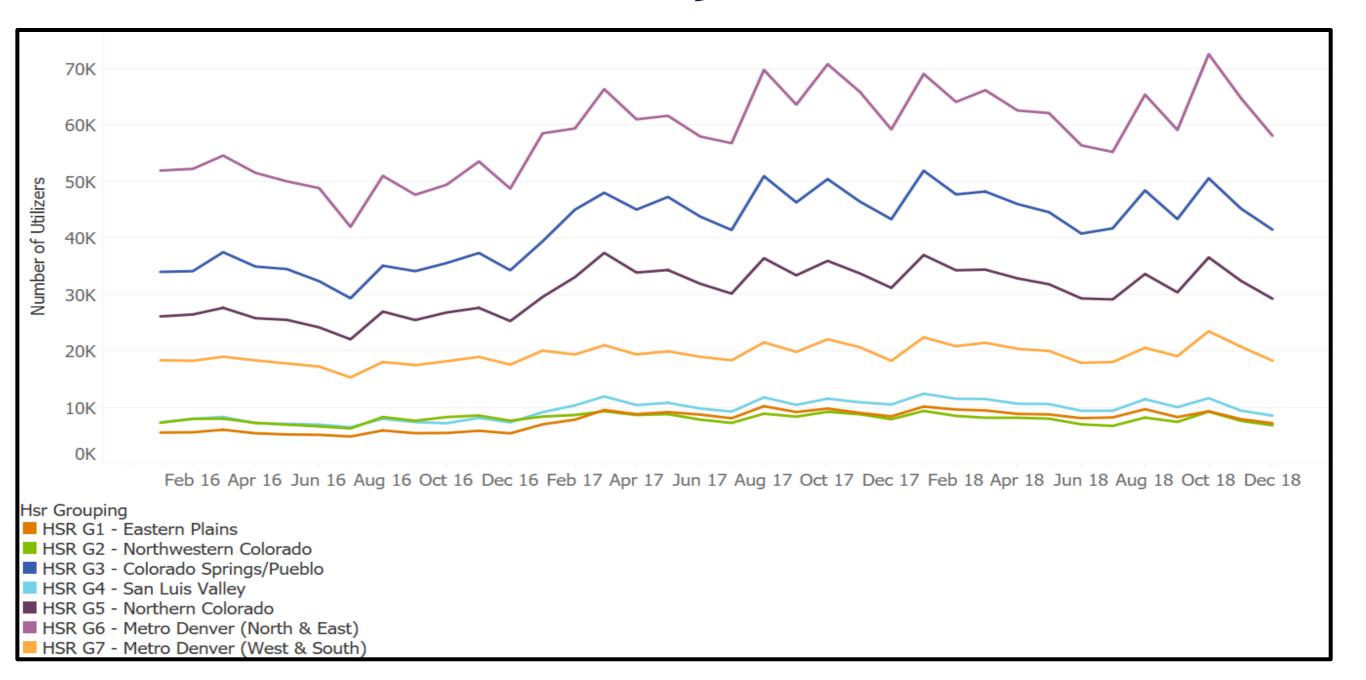


Figure 10 -Utilizers by Gender and Age

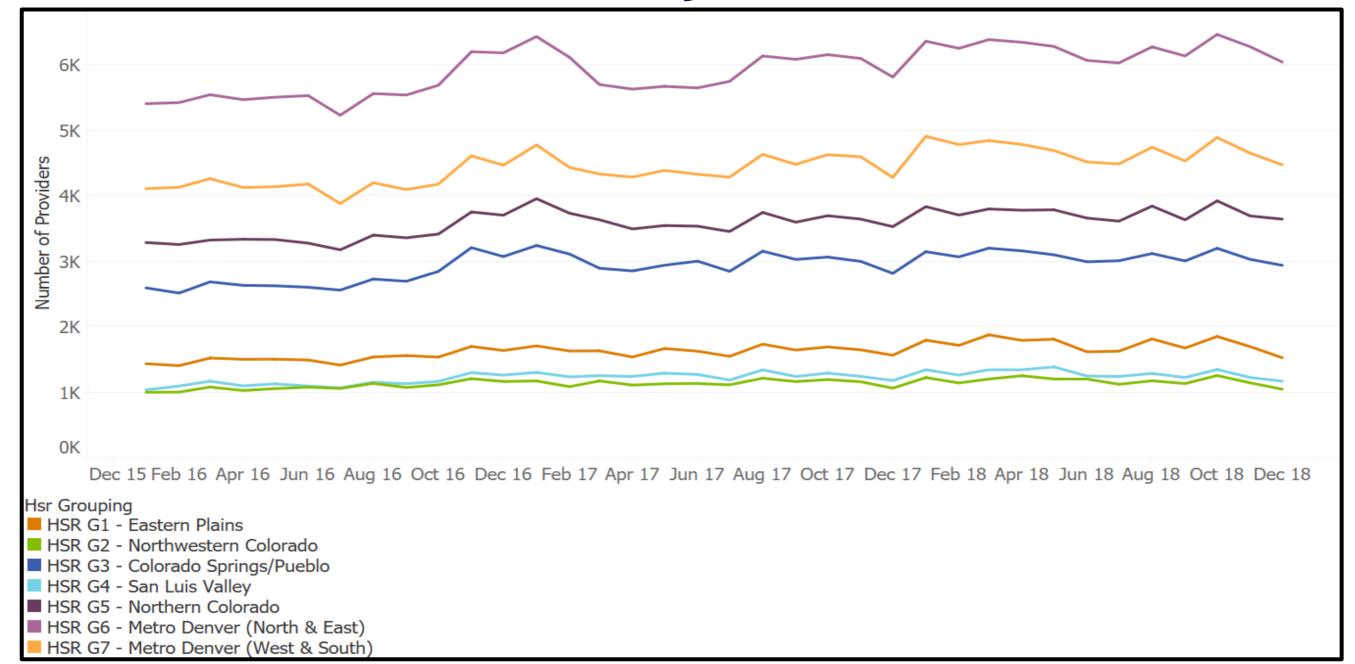
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Providers



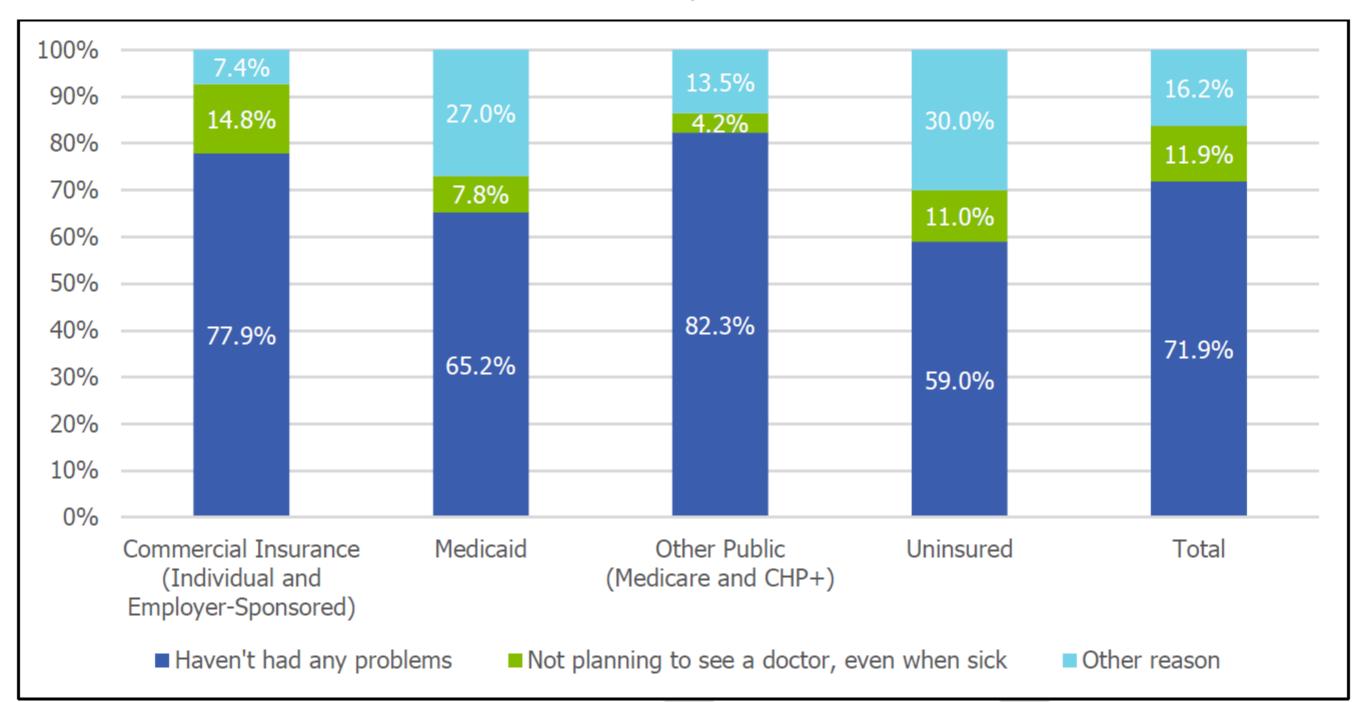
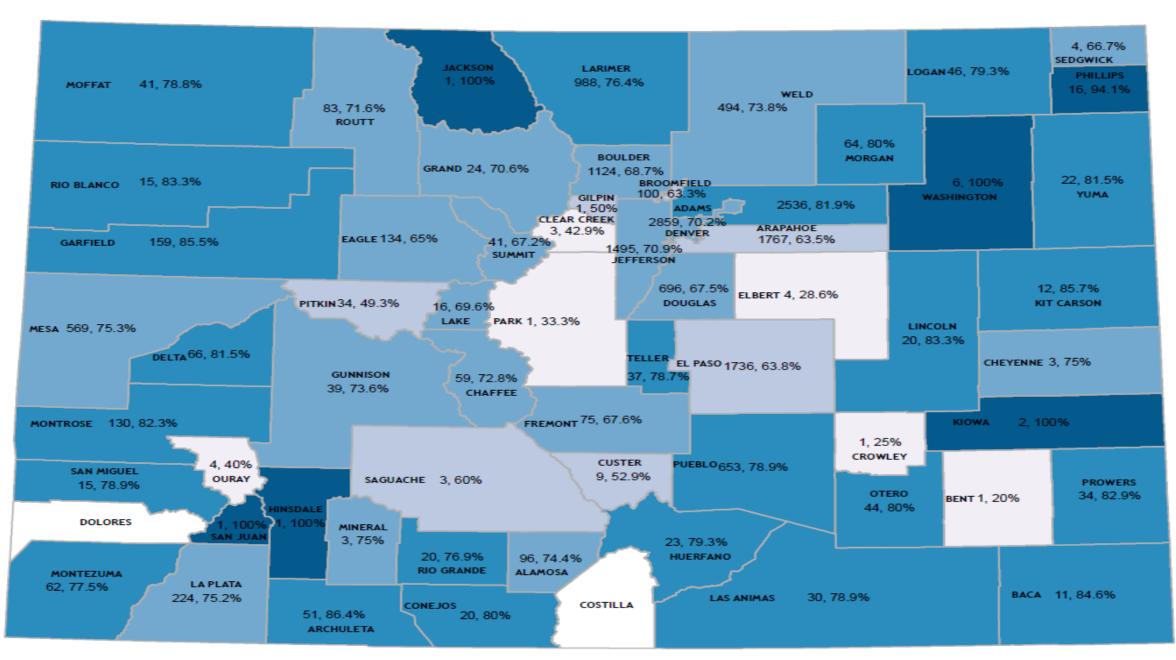


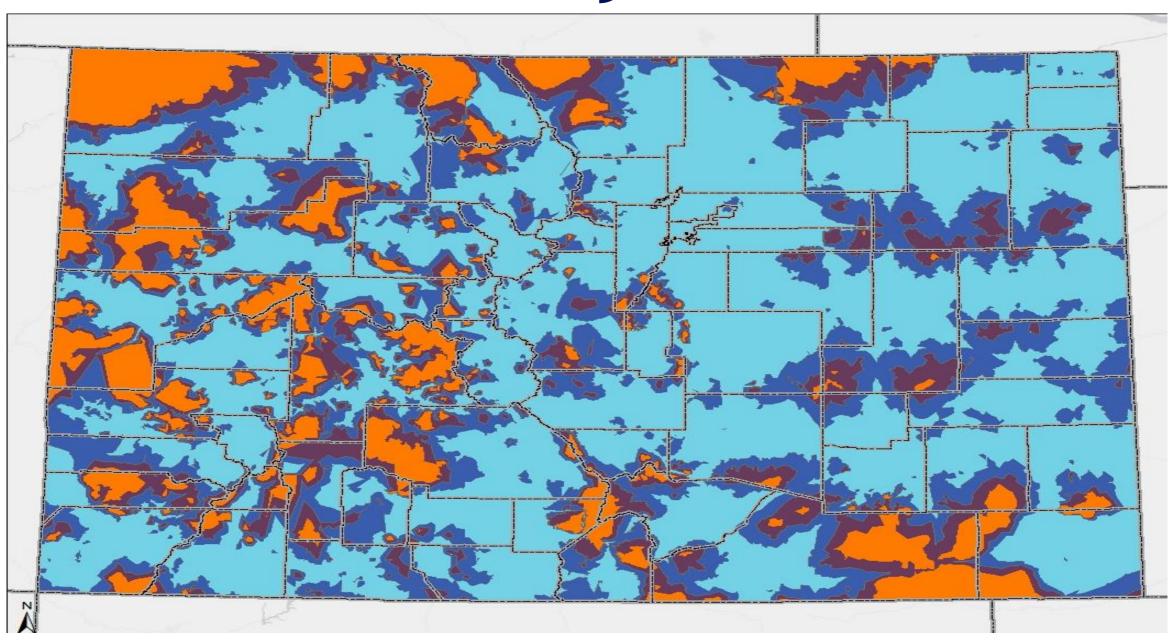
Figure 17 – Reasons for not Having a Usual Source of Care, 2017, by Insurance Type





Providers





Drive Time



Rate Comparison

Reimbursement Type	Aggregate Percentage Primary Care Medicaid Rate Comparison
Medicare	78.70%
Arizona Medicaid	98.24%
California Medicaid	147.14%
Wyoming Medicaid	81.92%

Stakeholder Feedback

- Wait times in certain locations are longer than the wait times reported in the CHAS.
- The Department should further explore the reasons behind why members may not be seeking preventive care.
- Future analysis should be done on the use of emergency rooms for non-emergent reasons.

Analysis

The Department's analysis suggests that Primary Care Services are sufficient to meet the needs of Health First Colorado members.

The Department plans to undertake additional access analysis on the following:

- Increased self-reported usage of the emergency room for non-emergent reasons in Northwestern and Northern Colorado
- Access to primary care services in the San Luis Valley region, including utilization and barriers to care.







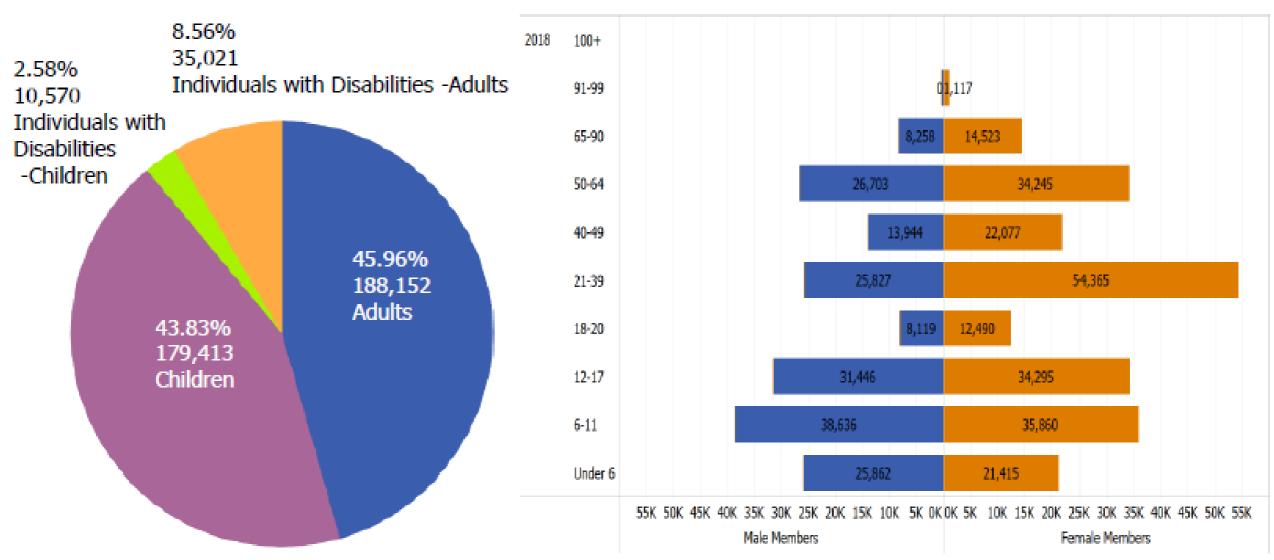
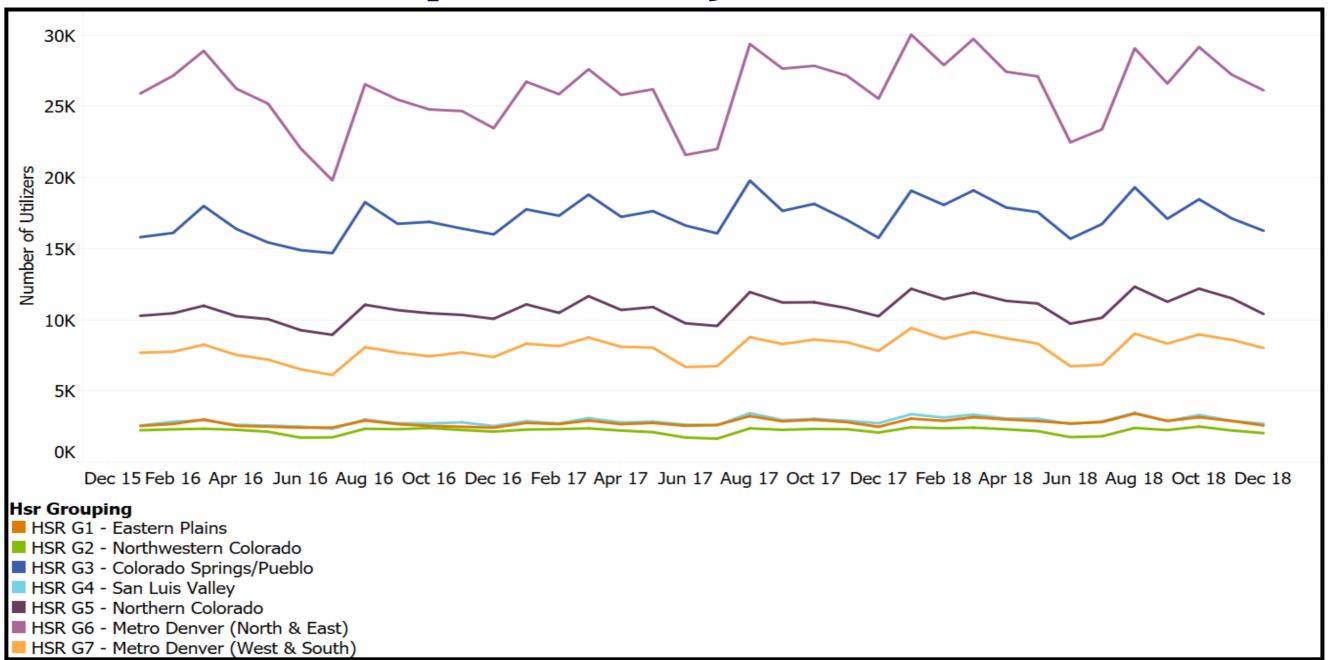


Figure 27 – Physician Specialist Utilizers by Demographic Groups

Figure 28 – Physician Specialist Utilizers by Gender and Age

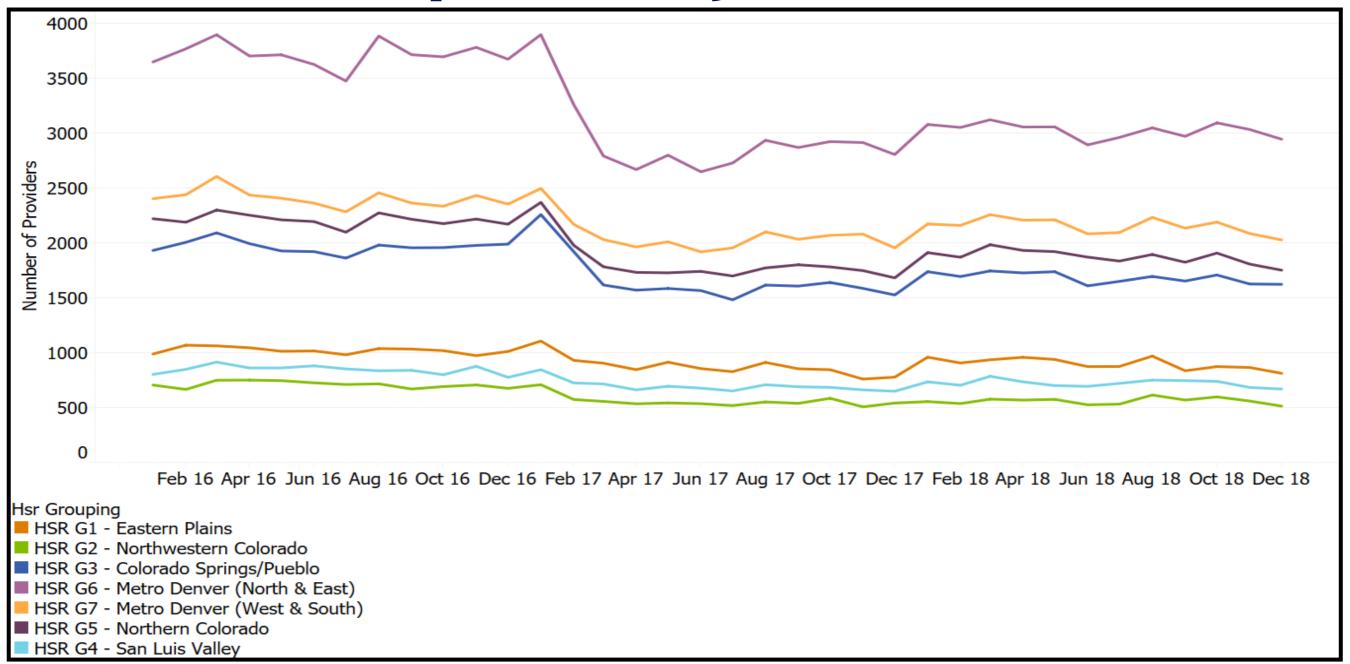
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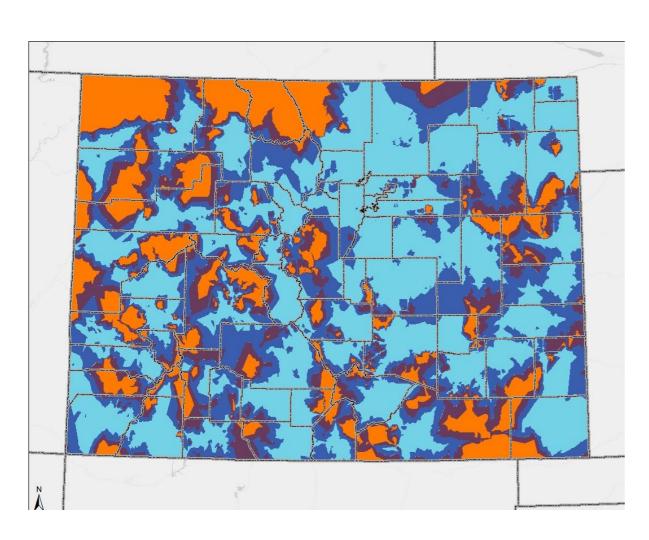


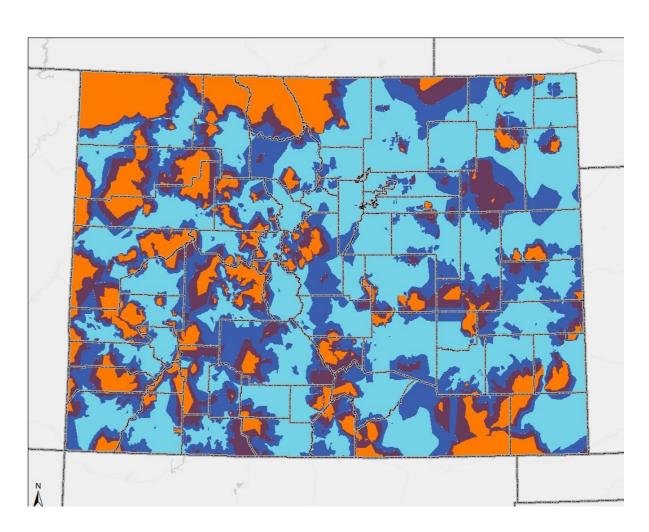
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Access Monitoring Review Plan

Specialty Care





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Rate Comparison

Reimbursement Type	Aggregate Percentage Specialty Care Medicaid Rate Comparison
Medicare	64.05%
Arizona Medicaid	73.12%
California Medicaid	107.15%
Wyoming Medicaid	67.69%

Stakeholder Feedback

- Need to explore reasons beyond rates for why providers may not accept Medicaid patients
- Issues with referrals to specialists including referrals not being made, not followed up or taking a long time to occur
- Lack of utilization of telemedicine and e-Health should be addressed

Analysis

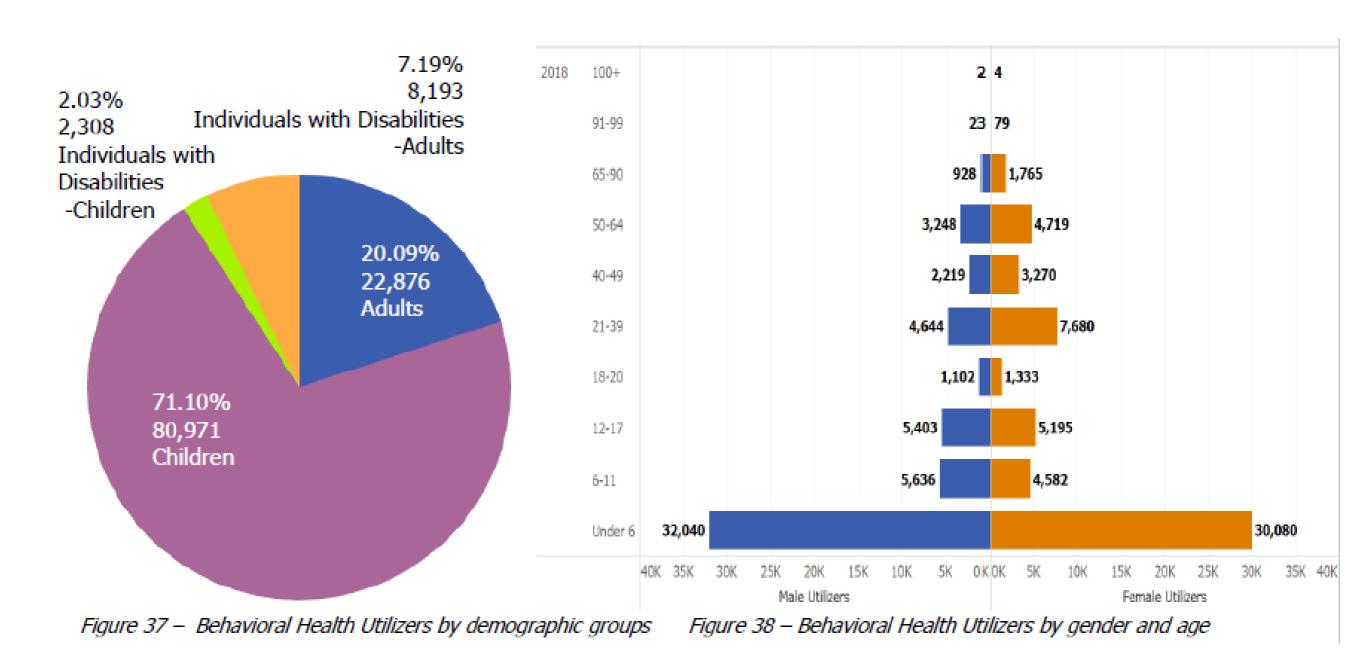
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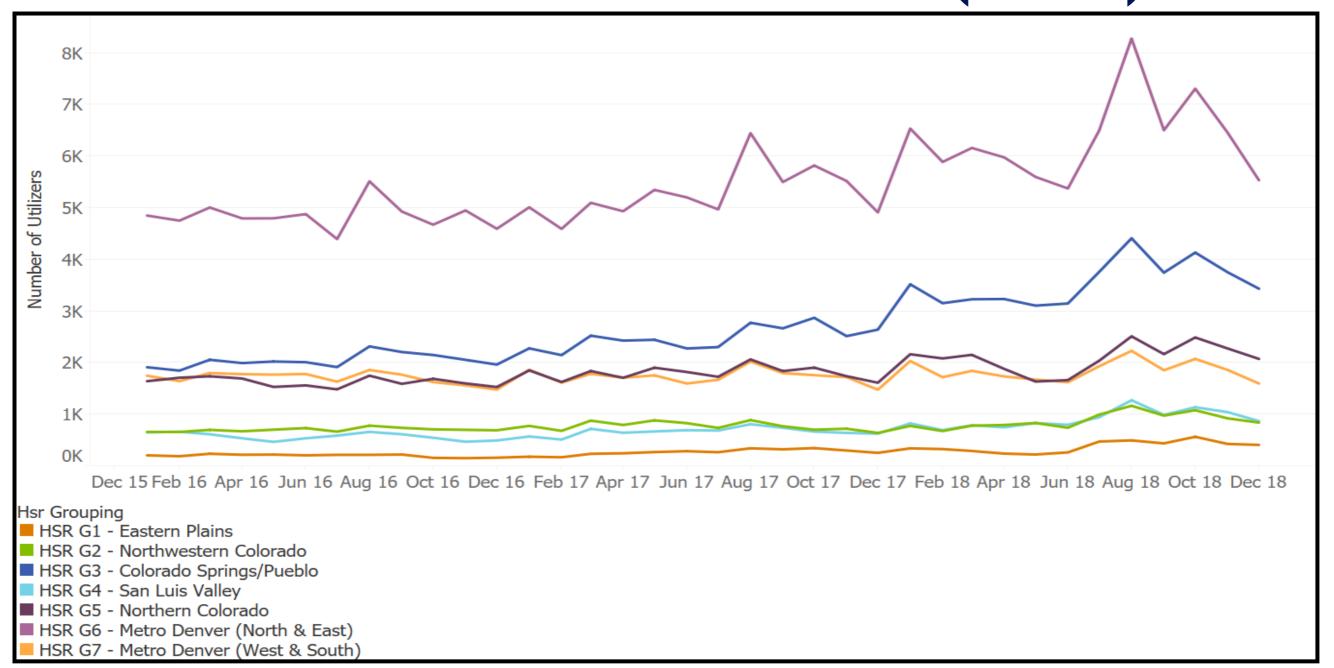
- Access to physician specialist services in the San Luis Valley region, including utilization and barriers to care.
- Investigate ways in which it can track and measure unmet referrals for physician specialist services.





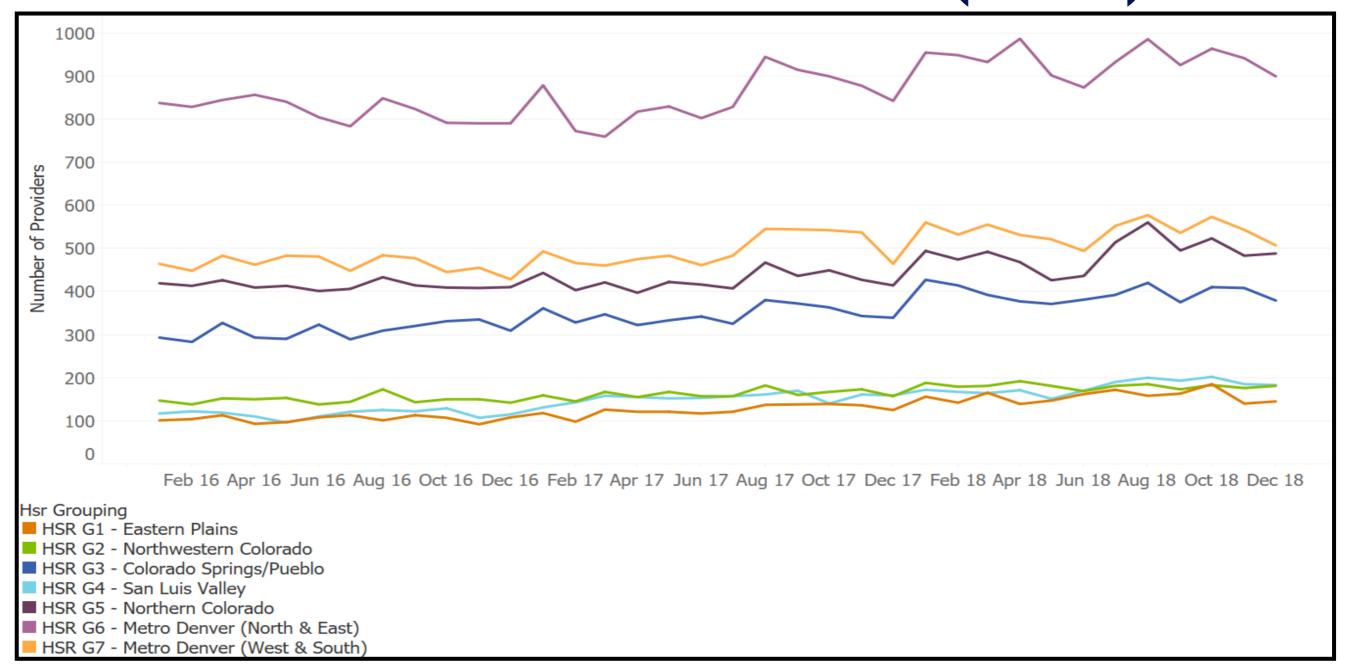






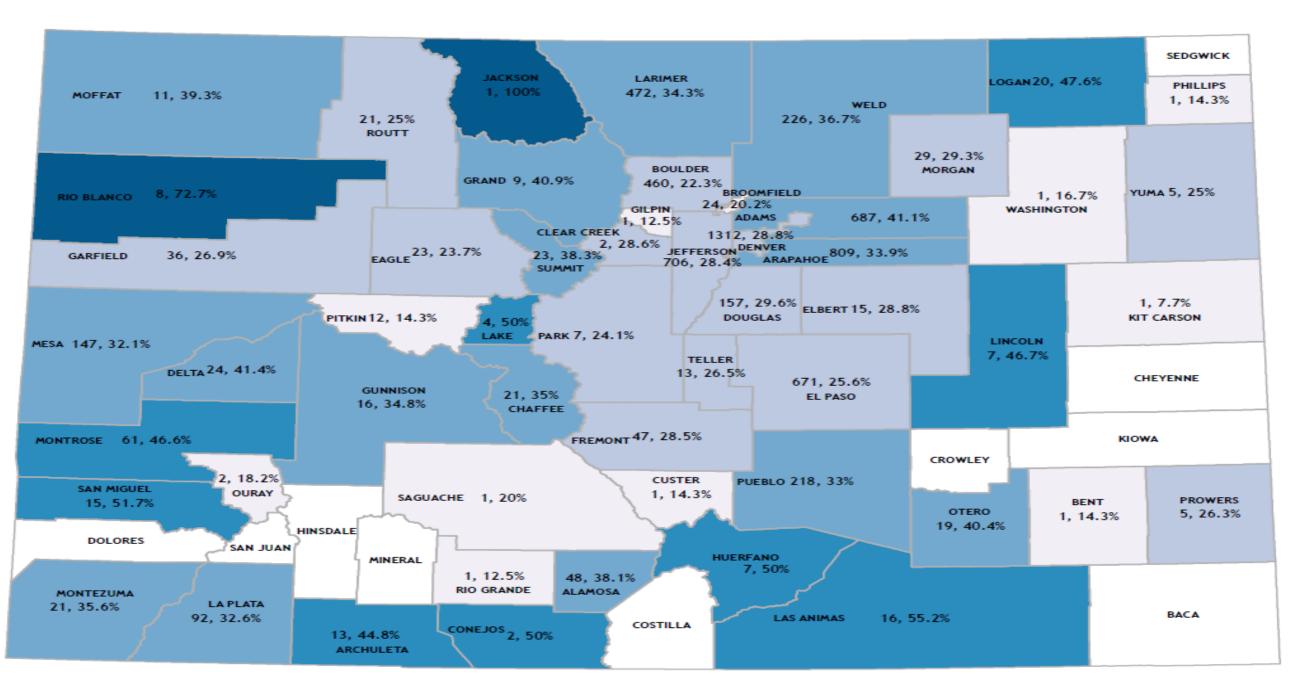
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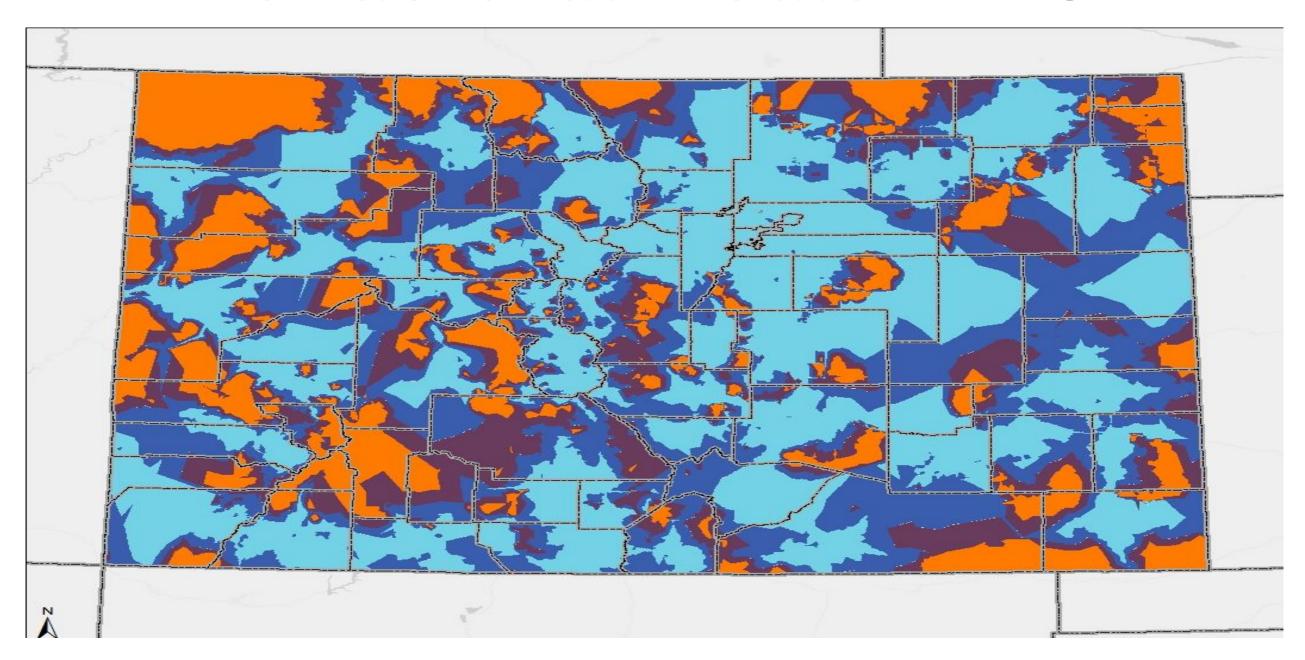
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Rate Comparison

Reimbursement Type	Aggregate Percentage FFS Behavioral Health Medicaid Rate Comparison
Medicare	60.10%
Arizona Medicaid	70.70%
California Medicaid	75.93%
Wyoming Medicaid	55.90%

Stakeholder Feedback

- Concerns with inpatient mental health services and a lack of beds in the state
- Community mental health centers have longer wait times for both initial and follow-up appointments.
- Continuity of care is a concern when members have to see different providers at every appointment.

Analysis

The Department's analysis suggests that Behavioral Health (FFS) Services are sufficient to meet the needs of Health First Colorado members

The Department plans to undertake additional access analysis on the following:

 ongoing analysis of the impact of the July 2018 policy change (allowing the first six behavioral health services to be billed fee-for-service), which increased fee-forservice behavioral health utilization, to ensure that members are able to appropriately access behavioral health services in a timely manner.



Pre- and Post-Natal Obstetrics

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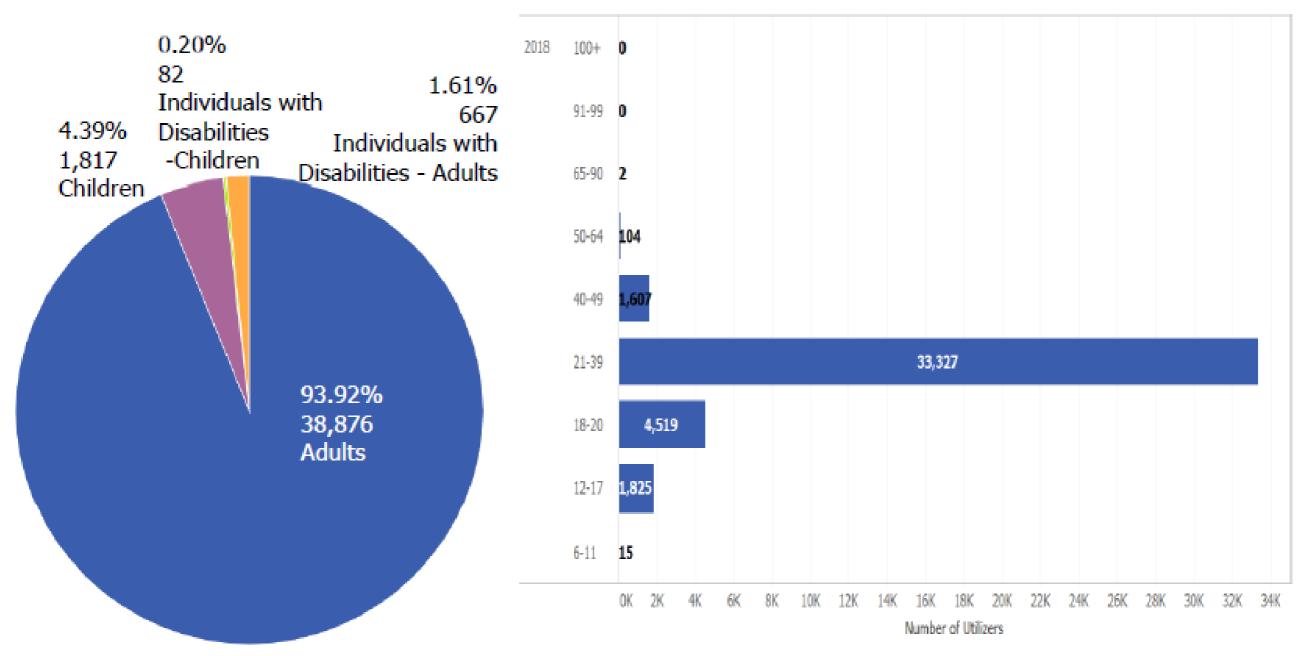
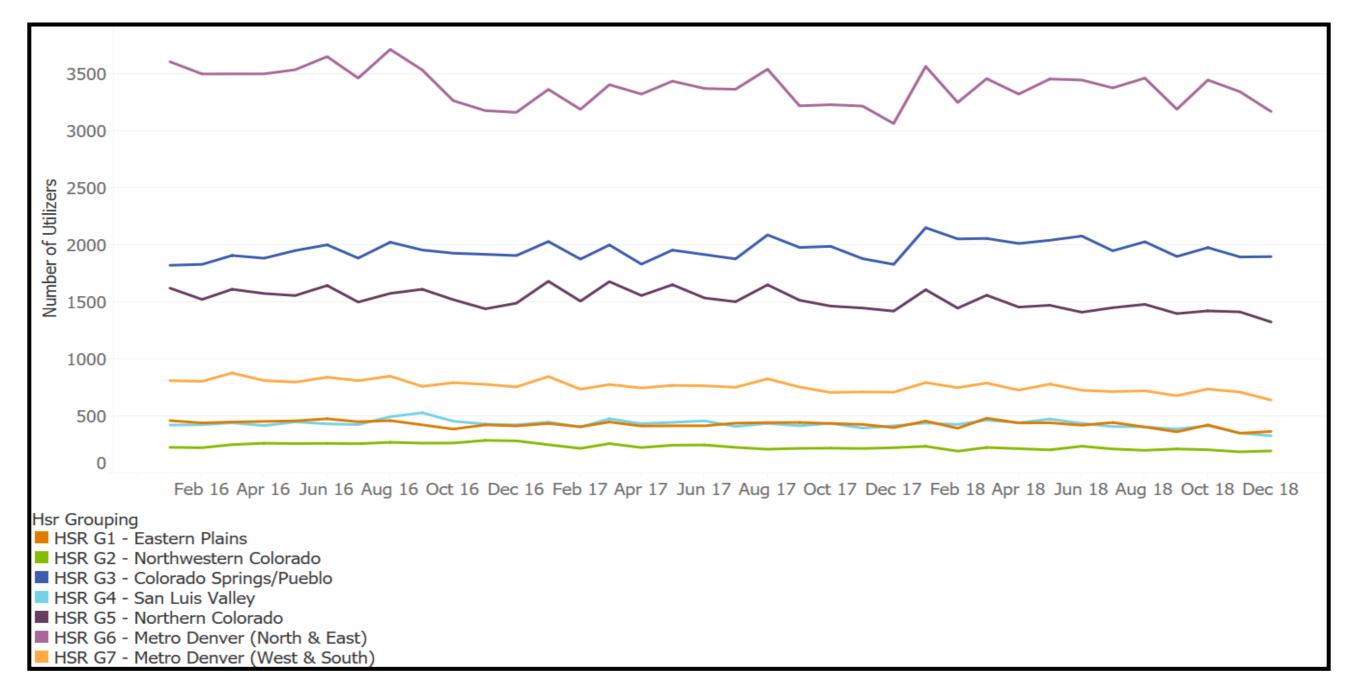


Figure 46 - PPNO Services Utilizers by Demographic Groups

Figure 47 – PPNO Services Utilizers by Age



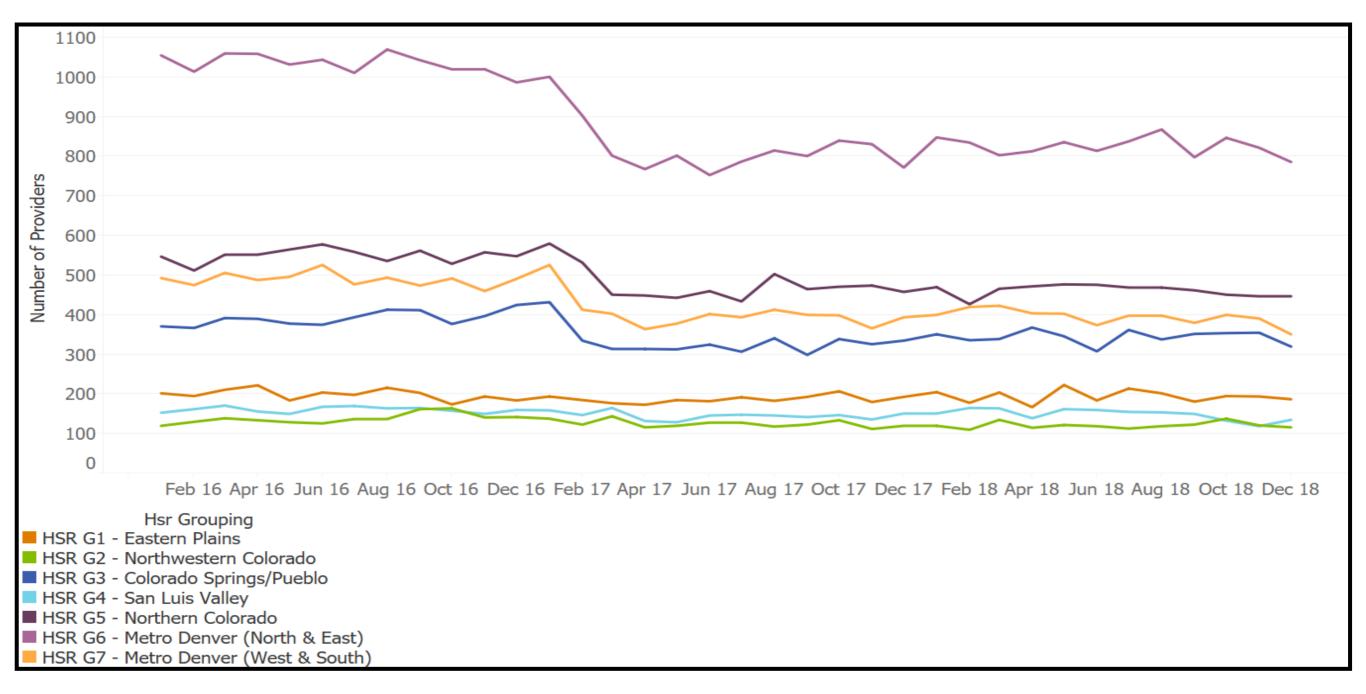
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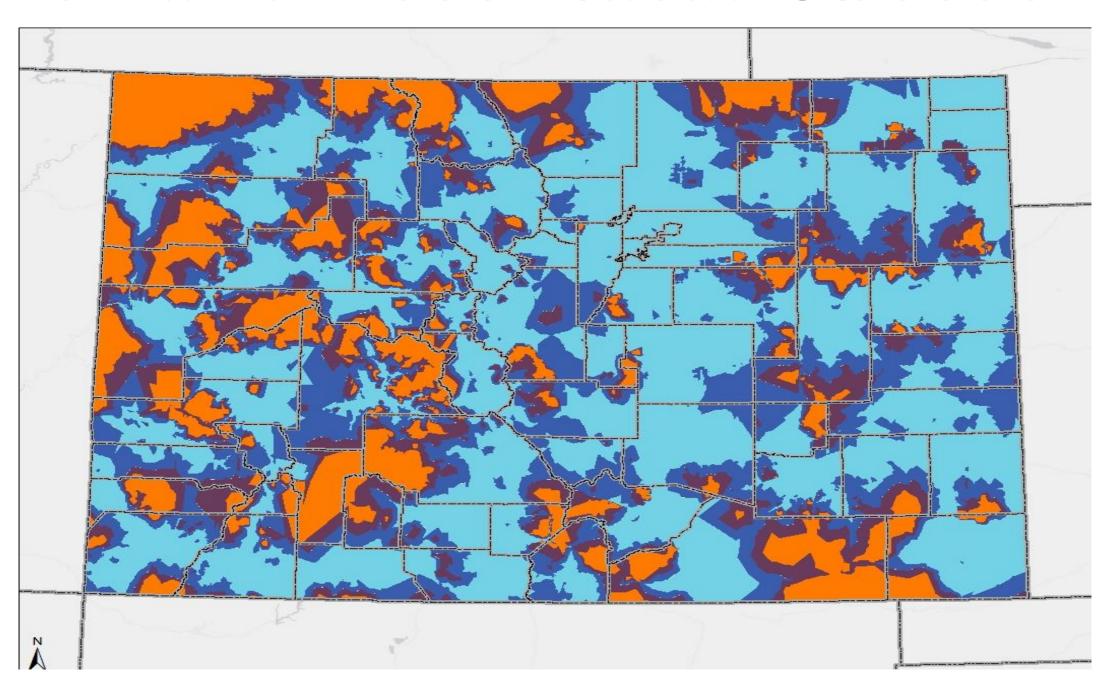
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Rate Comparison

Reimbursement Type	Aggregate Percentage Pre- and Post-Natal Obstetric Services Medicaid Rate Comparison
Medicare	65.87%
Arizona Medicaid	74.33%
California Medicaid	106.92%
Wyoming Medicaid	64.57%

Stakeholder Feedback

 Concerns with the preterm birth rate in Colorado, particularly for women of color, and suggested that it could form the basis for a potential population-specific analysis for the Department.

Analysis

The Department's analysis suggests that Pre- and Post-Natal Obstetric Services are sufficient to meet the needs of Health First Colorado members

The Department plans to undertake additional access analysis on the following:

- Value-based payment models for improving quality of pre- and post-natal obstetric care (including labor and delivery)
- Provider availability by insurance type in HSR 9 (with CDPHE)

The Department is also planning to investigate maternal mortality trends in Colorado and whether access to care is contributing to current maternal mortality data





Home Health Services



Home Health

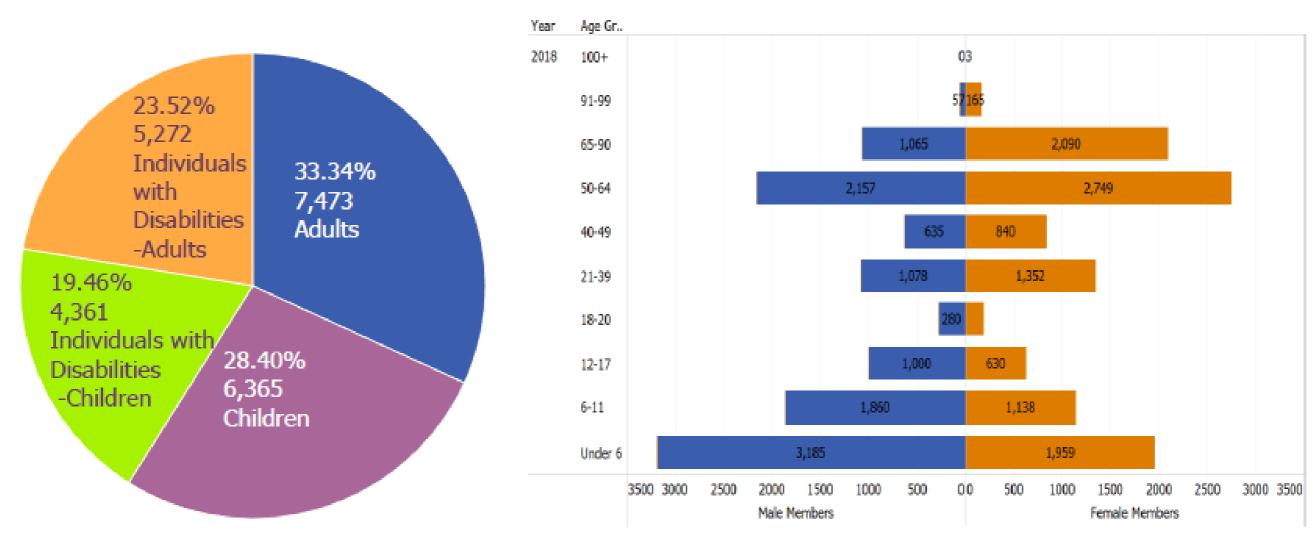


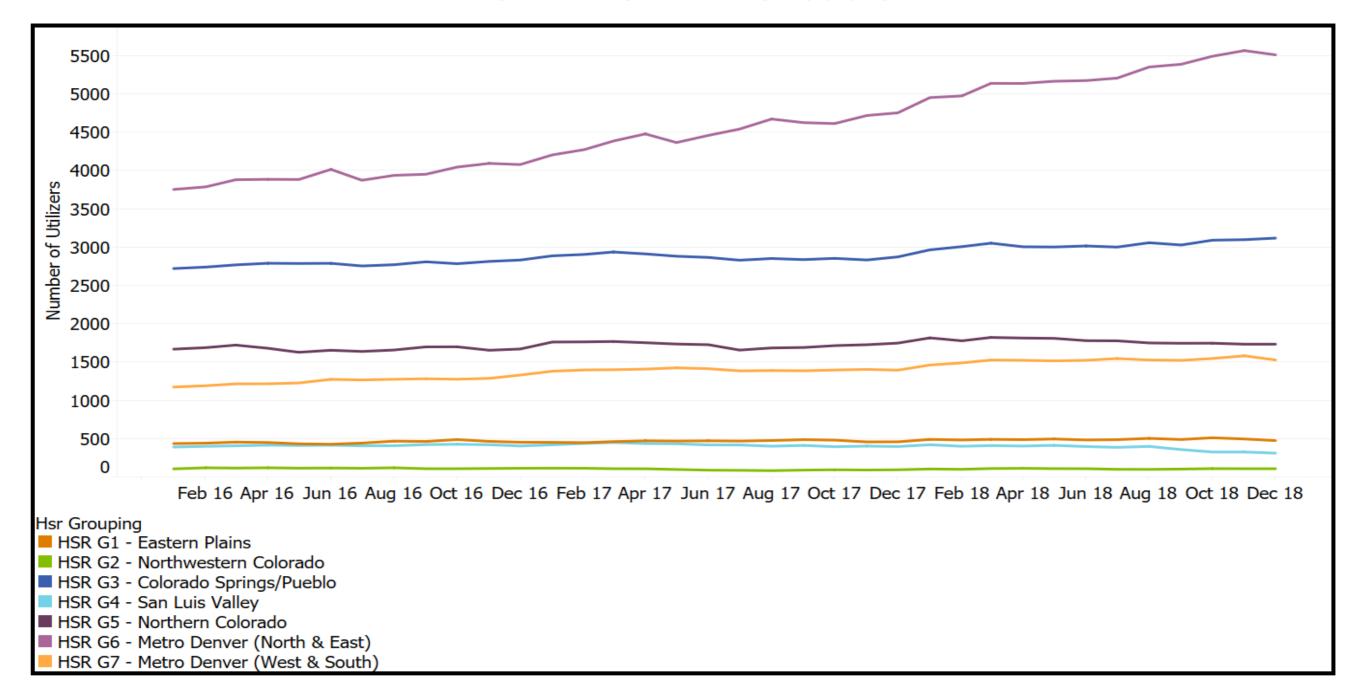
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Figure 53 – Home Health Utilizers by Gender and Age

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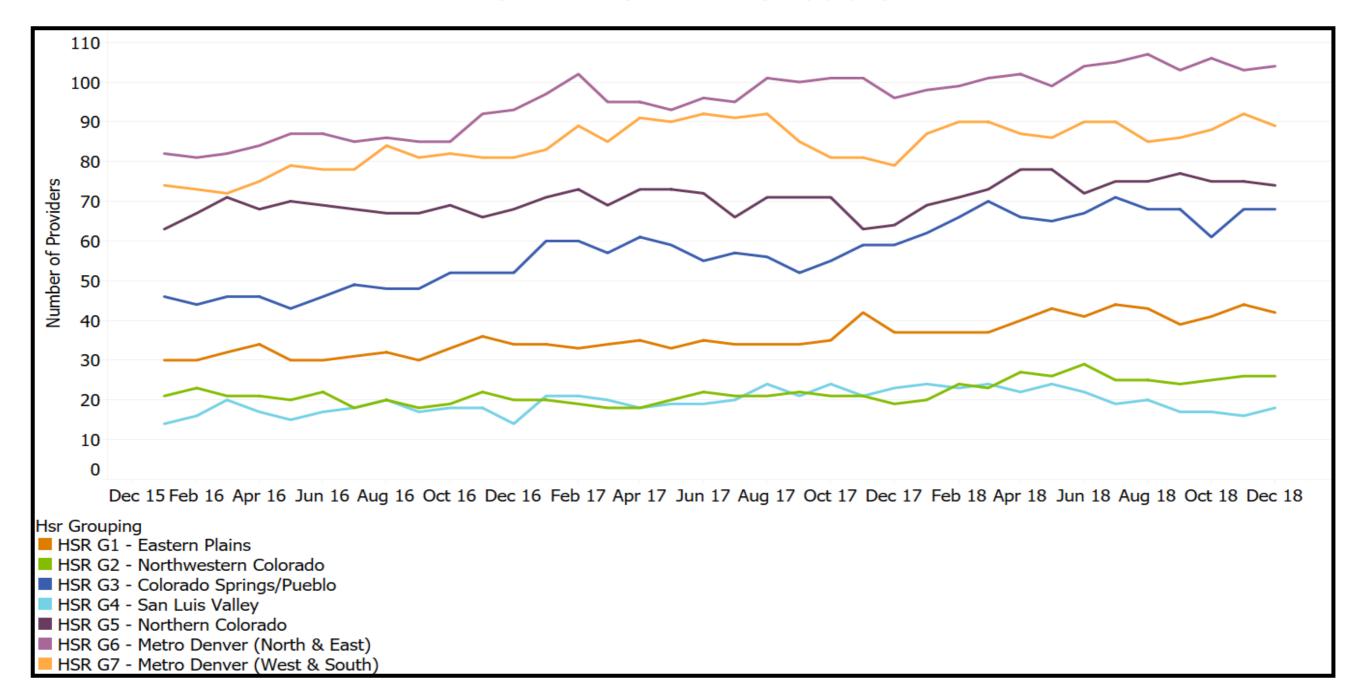
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Rate Comparison

Reimbursement Type	Aggregate Percentage Home Health Medicaid Rate Comparison
Arizona Medicaid	122.64%
California Medicaid	104.59%
Wyoming Medicaid	81.91%

Stakeholder Feedback

- When home health rates are reviewed in 2020 consideration should be given to adjusting the Nurse Practice Act.
- Rate increases should be focused at the lowest paid workers, personal care and homemaker.
- The Department should look at moving to a model of having personal care in the state plan so that people who do not want to enroll in a waiver are not forced to use higher cost services to get in home care.

Analysis

The Department's analysis suggests that Home Health Services are sufficient to meet the needs of Health First Colorado members.

The Department plans to undertake additional access analysis on the following:

- Access to home health services in the San Luis Valley region, including member utilization and provider counts.
- Home Health service rates through the 2020 Rate Review process



Future of the AMRP & Access Work





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Thank You!

