

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: April 16, 2025

Agenda Item #: 3

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment with the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing for approximately \$760,000 for the period ending June 30, 2025 for In-Reach Counseling.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

DRCOG provides options counseling services under contract with the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF) to help individuals living in facilities understand their options to transition back to community living. HCPF is amending this agreement to include payments for Individual In-Reach counseling. This amendment will increase the amount on this contract to not exceed approximately \$760,000.

Background

HCPF is amending the current fiscal year contract to add approximately \$163,000 to prepare for and conduct Individual In-Reach counseling. This amendment will increase the contract total to approximately \$760,000 through June 30, 2025. HCPF has previously amended this agreement in October to include funding for Group In-Reach services. Individual In-Reach will replace options counseling as the program's primary service delivery in state fiscal year 2026 and after. Additional funding is intended to provide resources for preparatory deliverables and capacity development.

Individual In-Reach counseling involves engagement with Medicaid members seeking to transition from institutional care to community-based living. In-Reach counseling provides information, education, resources, and referrals for Medicaid members, their families, legal guardians, and trusted supports to access Transition Coordination and move from a long-term care setting using a Transition Coordination Agency or equivalent services. Payments for in-reach services are earned at a rate of \$77.37 per member-contact

The amended funding includes up to \$79,691 for in-reach services, or 1,030 contacts. Since this is a new service delivery model that requires capacity building, DRCOG anticipates receiving less than 10% of this individual In-Reach amount. Anticipated additional funding for the remaining months of the term includes \$8,000 for the Individual In-Reach Plan due in May, \$3,000 for monthly Guardianship/POA verification, and \$170 for the March Regional Transition Coordination meeting. Total additional funding through the end of the current term is not anticipated to exceed \$20,000. However, given the potential for approximately \$160,000 in additional funding, DRCOG requests approval to execute this amendment from the committee.



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Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment with the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing for approximately \$760,000 for the period ending June 30, 2025 for In-Reach Counseling.

Attachment(s)

Draft resolution

For more information

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