

# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

## Seniors in Our Mountain Communities HealthCare

### Access to Medicare and Medicaid Services



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# CMS Overview

CMS has oversight responsibility for 3 programs:

- Medicare
  - Medicaid
  - Children's Health Insurance Program
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- CMS programs cover over 106 million individuals
  - CMS spends over \$800 billion a year to buy health care for beneficiaries of our programs.
  - Denver Regional Office covers the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

# Medicare Expenditures

Under the current payment structure, a person who is 57 years old today cannot be assured that Medicare hospital insurance benefits will be there when he or she turns 65.



# Medicare Trustee's Report



- Released May 12, 2009
- Medicare's Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund will become insolvent in 2017 – 2 years earlier than reported last year.
- Medicare consumes 3.6% of the GDP – This is projected to grow to 6.4% in 2030.
- By 2030, Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid spending projected to be 60% of entire federal budget
- Chronic diseases account for 75% of Healthcare Spending

# Medicaid Expenditures

- Total Program expenditures are \$300 billion.
- Medicaid pays for approximately 1/5 of all health care in the United States.
- Medicaid is 15% of National Health Expenditures.
- Medicaid spending grew 8.4% in 2008.
- All states except Delaware and Wyoming spent 10% or more of their Gross State Product on health care in 2004 – including Medicaid spending.



# Focus in the Future

- Nationally – focus is on health care reform
- CMS Focus is to ensure healthcare delivered through our programs is as effective and efficient as possible for our beneficiaries.
  - Value Based Purchasing
  - Electronic Health Records
  - Prevention and Wellness
  - Fraud and Abuse Prevention and Detection



# Colorado Statistics

## 2009:

- 592,737 Medicare Beneficiaries
- 457,699 Medicaid Beneficiaries
- 12,076 Active Physicians



Within counties of Rural Resort Region – Clear Creek, Eagle, Grand, Garfield, Jackson, Pitkin, Summit

## 2009:

- 14,345 Medicare Beneficiaries
- 8,911 Medicaid Beneficiaries
- 303 Primary Care Health care professionals enrolled in Medicare
- 156 Primary Care Health care professionals enrolled in Medicaid

## 2030:

- The census projects over 1.2 million individuals age 65 and older
- Medicaid growth? Expected to increase as well.

# Colorado Statistics

## Aging of the Physician Workforce in Colorado:

- 21.4% are age 60 or older
- Based on current practice patterns, it is estimated that there will be a shortage of *85,000 physicians nationwide* by 2020 - which would be felt more acutely in underserved and rural areas.



# Access



- Access issues have occurred in various communities from time to time:
  - Closure of a facility – Durango health center
  - Practices limiting the number of Medicare or Medicaid patients they will see - statewide
  - Opting Out – 144 in Colorado (03/31/09)
  - Practices no longer accepting new Medicare or Medicaid patients - statewide
  - Hiring Hospitalists – Grand Junction

# Why Health Care Professionals Don't Take New Patients

## Medicare

- Reimbursement

## Medicaid

- Reimbursement
- Missed Appointments



# What is CMS Doing?

- Provide Access to CMS Leaders - Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator
- Chief Medical Officer –
  - Interfaces with healthcare professionals and institutions and their associations – actively seeking input.
  - Active in the community in these and other initiatives
    - Board member of the Colorado Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC)
    - Board member (and founder) of the Colorado Patient Safety Coalition
    - Advisory board member of the Rocky Mountain Patient Safety Organization
    - Advisory board member of the University of Colorado's Center for Bioethics and Humanities
    - Associate Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics) at Univ of Colorado
  - Information/Training Sessions
  - Medicare Chat Calls
  - Ad hoc on issues of interest

# Incentives Available to Health Care Professionals

- Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus – 10% to primary care physicians
- Physician Quality Reporting Initiative – pay for reporting quality measures, quality reports
- E-Prescribing – payment for successful electronic prescribing
- Electronic Health Records incentives

# What Can the Community Do?

- Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
- Rural Health Clinic
- Federally Qualified Health Center or “Look Alike”
- National Health Service Corps
- State Loan Repayment Programs
- Student/Resident Rural Rotation Opportunities
- Other Recruitment/Retention options



# Medicaid Options to Care for Seniors in their Homes

- Home Health Agency Services – include:
  - Skilled Nursing Services
  - Home health aide services
  - Therapies
  - Durable Medical Equipment



# Medicaid Options to Care for Seniors in their Homes

- Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Programs
  - Elderly, Blind and Disabled Waiver
- Services available include: non-emergency transportation, personal care, homemaker, adult day services, assisted living facilities, personal emergency response system, home modifications, in home support services, respite care
- Contact: Laurie Jensen, HCPF, 303-866-5942, [laurie.jensen@state.co.us](mailto:laurie.jensen@state.co.us)
- Website: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1218102955170>



# Other Options - PACE Program

- PACE – Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
- Programs operating in Colorado are in the Denver Metro area, Colorado Springs, and Montrose
- Resource:  
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PACE/01\\_Overview.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PACE/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage)



# QUESTIONS?

