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The Honorable Dianne Primavera, Chair
Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 271
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Primavera:

Enclosed please find a legislative report to the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing on Section 25.5-1.123, C.R.S. SB 07-130 Medical Home for Children.

Section 25.5-1-123, C.R.S. requires the Department to submit a report each year on the progress made toward maximizing the number of children with a medical home who are enrolled in the State Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) or the Children's Basic Health Plan (CBHP).

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, MaryKathryn Hurd, at MK.Hurd@state.co.us or 303-547-8494.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Susan E. Birch', followed by the handwritten text 'for SB'.

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**REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEES**

25.5-1-123, C.R.S.

SB 07-130 MEDICAL HOMES FOR CHILDREN

February 28, 2013

Overview

This report is presented to the Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the Colorado General Assembly in response to Senate Bill 07-130 (SB 07-130), Medical Homes for Children. SB 07-130 requires an annual report from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) on the progress made toward maximizing the number of children with a medical home who are enrolled in the State Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) or the Children's Basic Health Plan (CHP+).

In a medical home, the child or youth, his or her family, primary care physician, and other health professionals develop a trusting partnership based on mutual responsibility and respect for each other's expertise. Together, families, health care professionals and community service providers identify and access all medical and non-medical services needed to help the child and family.

SB 07-130 specifically requires that a medical home include the following components:

- Health maintenance and preventive care
- Anticipatory guidance and health education
- Acute and chronic illness care
- Coordination of medications, specialists, and therapies
- Provider participation in hospital care
- 24 hour telephone care

Partners

To meet the goals of SB 07-130, the Department, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, providers, advocates and other community stakeholders are participating in the Colorado Medical Home Initiative (CMHI) so that every child enrolled in Medicaid and CHP+ receive access to health care in a medical home. The following represents the activities of the CMHI as well as the Department and progress made to date.

While the Department is primarily responsible for implementing SB 07-130, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is also recognized as a national leader in the Medical Home Model, especially as it relates to children with special health care needs. CDPHE has accomplished the following in 2012:

Colorado Medical Home Coalition – The Colorado Medical Home Coalition (CMHC) is one of two key working groups that make up the Colorado Medical Home Initiative (CMHI), a statewide effort to promote a medical home approach to health care. The purpose of the Coalition—made up of a group of Colorado leaders engaged in planning and oversight for the CMHI effort—is to unite partners and align efforts to strategically promote a medical home approach statewide. The Coalition's vision is to ensure that all Coloradans have access to and experience a patient/family-centered medical home. Overall CMHI objectives include working to build and implement sustainable systems that support quality health care for all children and youth in Colorado, reinforcing the medical home approach as a core concept of quality health care, promoting care-

coordination partnerships between families and providers, and encouraging a team approach among all health care providers.

In addition to the CMHC, the other key working group is the Colorado Medical Home Community Forum, a bimonthly meeting of Colorado stakeholders representing various agencies, families, medical facilities, organizations, and policymakers from all over Colorado. Anyone interested in participating in or learning more about the CMHI or what “medical home” means in Colorado is encouraged to attend a Community Forum meeting (open to the public). More information can be found at ColoradoMedicalHome.com.

The Department and the Departments of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and provide shared leadership for the CMHI.

Accountable Care Collaborative Program as a Medical Home

The Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) is the Department’s predominant delivery system reform effort, building on the Children’s Medical Home Program by engaging the entire delivery system in addition to primary care. The ACC is not under the funding or structure of SB 07-130, but achieves many of the same goals; the ACC’s goal is to engage all enrolled clients in a medical home. Participants in SB 07-130 program can also be enrolled in the ACC program. In the ACC program, clients receive the additional support of the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) and the Statewide Data and Analytic Contractor (SDAC). The RCCO ensures that every client receives enhanced care coordination and supports practices in providing a medical home level of care. The SDAC provides population level data to allow for practice improvement efforts and client level data to support the targeting and care of individual clients.

In the past year, enrollment in the ACC has dramatically increased. There are currently over 100,000 children in the ACC program, many of whom are also in the SB 07-130 Medical Homes for Children Program. The Department specifically targeted the enrollment of children in the foster care system due to their increased need for care coordination and additional support.

The Department is working with stakeholders to better align the Children’s Medical Home program with the ACC program. The Department is facilitating a stakeholder workgroup that meets twice a month to develop a proposal for this alignment. The workgroup, which includes representatives from Colorado Child Health Care Access Program (aka CCHAP), the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, and the Colorado Academy of Pediatrics and current medical home providers, is considering program adjustments such as changing the current ACC performance measurements and incentive payments to include more pediatric focused metrics.

Conclusion

No matter the terminology describing the medical home approach - Family Medical Home, Health Care Home, Primary Care Medical Home or Patient Centered Medical Home - the concept keeps the family and patient at the core.

The Department is encouraged by the potential savings to the state and by the increase in family-centered care to children who are eligible for a medical home. The apparent improved health care outcomes for a child linked to a medical home also demonstrate the potential for a fully

implemented medical home model. The Department anticipates fully implementing all of the components of SB 07-130 resulting in more efficient operations, increased provider retention, improved access to health care services, and better quality outcomes for those served under Medicaid and CHP+. The Department believes that a Medical Home results in effective clinical care. The use of public health program coverage, the use of primary health services, and the follow up for medically necessary services and other non-medical services in the community results in healthy child development and bodes well for the future of Colorado.