

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
ADAMS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL  
AUTHORITY AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND  
FINANCING TO HIRE ACHSD INTAKE SPECIALIST TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS  
FAMILY MEDICAID, CHP+ , AND ADULT MEDICAID APPLICATIONS AT  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL

**Resolution 2014-200**

**WHEREAS**, University of Colorado Hospital Authority requested to reimburse Adams County Human Services to employ an intake specialist to process Family Medicaid, Children's Health Plan Plus (CHP+), and Adult Medicaid applications; and

**WHEREAS**, University of Colorado Hospital Authority agreed to house an ACHSD Medicaid intake specialist at their Aurora facility for the primary purpose of processing applications, at no cost to the county; and

**WHEREAS**, current satellite intake specialist deployments have resulted in reducing the typical Family Medicaid/CHP+, and Adult Medicaid application processing time frame from 45-60 days to 2-14 days, significantly improving client services, and facilitating cost savings; and

**WHEREAS**, without an on-site specialist, University of Colorado Hospital Authority financial counselors would have to transport application forms to the ACHSD Human Services Building in Commerce City, which would delay Family Medicaid/CHP+, and Adult Medicaid eligibility determination, provision of medical services to needy families, and timely payment for those services; and

**WHEREAS**, fifty percent (50%) will be funded by University of Colorado Hospital Authority and fifty percent (50%) will be funded by Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to pay for the ACHSD intake specialist's salary and health insurance coverage and miscellaneous expenses for one year; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney Office authorized execution of the agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Colorado, acting in its capacity as the Board of Human Services; that the Resolution for the Agreement listed herein is approved and the Chairman is authorized to execute the agreement.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Henry	_____	Aye
Tedesco	_____	Nay
Hansen	_____	Aye

Commissioners

STATE OF COLORADO    )  
County of Adams        )

I, Karen Long, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Order is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners for said Adams County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at Brighton, Colorado this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2014.

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners  
Karen Long:



By:



Deputy

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF  
ADAMS, COLORADO AND UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL  
AUTHORITY REGARDING MEDICAID APPLICATION PROCESSING AT  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

**THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** is made and entered into between the Adams County Human Services Department (on behalf of Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Teller Counties), hereinafter referred to as "ACHSD", and University of Colorado Hospital Authority hereinafter referred to as "University of Colorado Hospital Authority".

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, University of Colorado Hospital Authority accepts Adult, CHP, and Family Medicaid applications each month from Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Teller County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, currently University of Colorado Hospital Authority must transmit said applications to the respective county social/human services locations for processing; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to convey application forms to county social/human services offices delays Medicaid eligibility determination, provision of medical services to needy individuals and families, and timely payment for those services to University of Colorado Hospital Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, University of Colorado Hospital Authority sometimes provides medical services to indigent patients prior to Medicaid eligibility determination, thus risking non-payment for those services if treated patients are later deemed ineligible; and

**WHEREAS**, University of Colorado Hospital Authority is willing to pay fifty percent (50%) the salary and benefits and provide a working space and appropriate office equipment for an Community Support Specialist; and

**WHEREAS**, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Teller counties have agreed to allow one Community Support Specialist, employed by Adams County, to process University of Colorado Hospital Authority Adult, Family Medicaid, and CHP+ applications for Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Teller counties.

**NOW THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION** of the covenants and agreements below appearing, the parties agree as follows:

- A. Scope of Services. One full time Community Support Specialist employed by Adams County shall be assigned to work at the University of Colorado

Hospital Authority facility at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. The Community Support Specialist shall be responsible for determining eligibility for Adult, Family Medicaid, and CHP+ applicants, and for entering eligibility data into the Colorado Benefits Management System to complete the eligibility determination process. The Community Support Specialist will process up to 100 applications per month, will also be responsible for adding "Needy Newborns" and "pregnant women" to ongoing Family Medicaid cases, and assisting University of Colorado Hospital Authority staff with Medicaid eligibility issues as related to this agreement, including billing back dates and assistance with load letter requests, as time allows. The Community Support Specialist through University of Colorado Hospital Authority will transfer completed processed cases to the respective county departments.

- B. ACHSD Responsibilities and Accountability. ACHSD shall be responsible for training and supervising the Community Support Specialist. ACHSD will oversee the specialist's work to ensure compliance with pertinent federal and state laws and regulations. ACHSD will conduct periodic case reviews to assess the timeliness and accuracy of Medicaid applications processed by the University of Colorado Hospital Authority Community Support Specialist. Further, ACHSD staff will facilitate any audits conducted of the specialist's work.
- C. Employment. The Community Support Specialist shall be an employee of ACHSD. The specialist shall be employed full-time (40 hours per week) by ACHSD. As such, the specialist will be subject to the policies, procedures, rules, regulations, directives, and orders of ACHSD. The Community Support Specialist shall comply with the policies of University of Colorado Hospital Authority to the extent that such policies and regulations are not in conflict with those of the ACHSD or are not in conflict with agreements herein contained. If such conflict arises and the policy is material to the role of the Community Support Specialist, the parties shall meet to discuss and determine which policy shall govern. The Community Support Specialist shall be subject to the supervision of ACHSD, accountable to ACHSD, shall work between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and shall observe the same holidays as Adams County employees.
- D. University of Colorado Hospital Authority Financial Responsibility. Fifty percent of the average salary costs, employer taxes, retirement contribution, health insurance, and other applicable benefits for the Community Support Specialist in accordance with rates specified by ACHSD, shall be paid to ACHSD effective upon the start date of the Community Support Specialist. ACHSD estimates that 50% of the average salary and benefits range for the Community Support Specialist will be between \$22,500 and \$30,000 annually. In addition, a proportionate share of the salary costs, health insurance and other applicable benefits for the supervisory functions of the

Community Support Specialist totaling \$520 per month effective the Community Support Specialists start date and adjusted annually thereafter shall be paid by University of Colorado Hospital Authority to ACHSD. A memo stating the new average cost of a Community Support Specialist and new average cost of the supervisory functions salary and benefits will be sent to University of Colorado Hospital Authority within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of each year.

Notwithstanding the Term (Section J) of this Agreement, financial responsibility for payments owed by University of Colorado Hospital Authority for salary and related expenses shall not commence until the Community Support Specialist has been hired and has started work as an ACHSD employee. In the unlikely event that the Colorado Medicaid program ceases financial support for the Medicaid eligibility function, and if mutually agreed to, the full cost of the Community Support Specialist will be borne by University of Colorado Hospital Authority plus a proportionate share of the supervisor's salary and benefits.

ACHSD shall be responsible for the worker's compensation coverage for the Community Support Specialist and the Supervisor.

University Hospital shall reimburse ACHSD for administrative costs, at a fixed rate of One Hundred Dollars, (\$100) per month, incurred by the Community Support Specialist and supervisory staff in carrying out the functions of the Community Support Specialist, such as mileage, continuing education, training and other required meetings. The \$100 administrative cost will be submitted on the monthly invoice to University Hospital.

Payments will be made in monthly installments, for the total amount invoiced by ACDHS for all salary, benefits, supervisory and additional costs, payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the invoice, hereunder beginning the first month the Community Support Specialist has started work at the University of Colorado Hospital Authority facility. To ensure timely payment by University of Colorado Hospital Authority, ACHSD shall strive to submit all invoices to University of Colorado Hospital Authority within the first five (5) business days of the month.

- E. Coverage for Long-Term Absences. ACHSD shall attempt to provide an on-site replacement staff for the University of Colorado Hospital Authority Community Support Specialist whenever the incumbent is absent for more than ten consecutive work days. In the event the Community Support Specialist will be absent for more than ten consecutive work days, University of Colorado Hospital Authority shall be notified as soon as possible in writing of the extended absence as well as receive a written plan for

coverage, including identification of a contact person, to ensure timely application processing until the Community Support Specialist returns.

For periods of absence less than ten consecutive work days, ACHSD shall assume responsibility for timely processing until the incumbent returns. Additionally, ACHSD shall provide a single point of contact in these instances.

- F. Workplace and Personal Computer Access. University of Colorado Hospital Authority shall provide working space such as an office or cubicle, office equipment and supplies, a desktop computer, and a locking file cabinet for the Community Support Specialist. ACHSD, with the cooperation of the information technology staff of University of Colorado Hospital Authority, will establish and maintain connectivity to the Colorado Benefits Management System and other automated systems required by the Community Support Specialist.
- G. Community Support Specialist Qualifications and Selection. The University of Colorado Hospital Authority Community Support Specialist shall be selected by ACHSD in accordance with ACHSD Human Resources specified qualifications for this position.
- H. Liability Coverage. Pursuant to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, ACHSD agrees to be responsible for injuries or damages caused by or incurred by its respective public employees or agents arising from the performance of their duties and obligations under this Agreement, unless the act is willful and wanton or where sovereign immunity bars the action against the Parties. University of Colorado Hospital Authority agrees to be responsible for injuries with the respective public employees or agents, or damages sustained from any act or omission of its employees or agents arising from the performance of their duties and obligations under this Agreement, unless the act is reckless, willful or wanton. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to waive the provisions of the Colorado Immunity Act as it applies to the parties and their employees.
- I. Insurance. ACHSD and University of Colorado Hospital Authority shall exchange evidence of insurance showing general liability coverage for University of Colorado Hospital Authority, and general liability coverage of ACHSD in the minimum amount of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act for protection from claims for bodily injury, death, property damage, or personal injury which may arise through the execution of this contract. Recipients of such evidence shall be the Adams County Risk Manager and University of Colorado Hospital Authority Vice President of Finance. Such evidence shall be approved by each recipient prior to commencement of this contract.

- J. Term. This agreement shall commence on January 1, 2014, for a term of twelve (12) months ending on December 31, 2014. Additionally, this agreement may be terminated without cause by either ACHSD or University of Colorado Hospital Authority upon sixty (60) days written advance notice, and in the event of such termination, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY monthly financial obligation shall cease for all subsequent months.
- K. Confidentiality. The Community Support Specialist shall comply with University of Colorado Hospital Authority confidentiality policies as well as all federal, state, and county administrative rules, laws and regulations governing client confidentiality, subject only to statutory exceptions applicable to criminal investigations and proceedings. Nothing in this agreement shall constitute ACHSD becoming a HIPAA business associate with University of Colorado Hospital Authority.
- L. Evaluation Plan. ACHSD and University of Colorado Hospital Authority will evaluate the project on an annual basis. This will include goals and objectives, workload, performance measures, timelines, milestones, data collection procedures, and other elements agreed to by ACHSD and University of Colorado Hospital Authority for this ongoing evaluation. ACHSD will continue to compile monthly reports and statistics which are presented at Liaison and Stakeholder meetings or whenever requested by University of Colorado Hospital Authority.
- M. Contract Amendment. Amendment of this contract may be made only by written agreement and signed by all parties hereto.
- N. Electronic Disposition of Document (Scanning and Photocopies). The Parties hereto agree and stipulate that the original of this document, including the signature page, may be scanned and stored in a computer database or similar device, and that any printout or other output readable by sight, the reproduction of which is shown to accurately reproduce the original of this document, may be used for any purpose just as if it were the original, including proof of the content of the original writing.
- O. Immediate Termination for Cause. Should University of Colorado Hospital Authority become aware of any serious misconduct by the ACHSD employee such as policy violations or any act or omission that has an adverse impact on or causes damage to patients, staff, University of Colorado Hospital Authority reputation, property, or University of Colorado Hospital Authority operations, University of Colorado Hospital Authority must immediately report such information to an ACHSD Superior and/or Management. ACHSD will investigate such allegations and take appropriate disciplinary action according to its policies and procedures, including terminating the employee if appropriate.

P. Access to Records. ACHSD, for itself and for its agents and employees, agrees to provide to the Controller General of the United States or the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”), and their duly authorized representatives, upon written request, reasonable access to this Agreement, books, documents and records until the expiration of four (4) years after the Services are furnished under the Agreement for the purpose of evaluating the nature and extent or the costs and Services provided. ACHSD also agrees that if ACHSD subcontracts for any of the duties under this Agreement at a value or cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve (12) month period, with a related organization, the subcontract shall contain a clause to the effect that the related organization must make available, upon written request, to HHS, the Controller General, or their duly authorized representatives, the subcontract, and the books, documents, and records of the related organization that are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs until the expiration of four (4) years after the Services are furnished under the subcontract



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their names to be affixed hereto.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

*[Signature]*  
Chairman

5-19-14  
Date

ATTEST:  
KAREN LONG  
CLERK AND RECORDER



*Keisha Hus*  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*[Signature]*  
Adams County Attorney's  
Office

CONTRACTOR:

*Diane Haney*  
Name: Diane Haney  
Title: System Director  
University of Colorado Hospital Authority

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March 2014, by  
*Diane Haney*.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

My commission expires: January 18, 2017

SUZANNE M PETERS  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF COLORADO  
NOTARY ID 20004037453  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 18, 2017