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MEDICAID CHANGES COMING SOON

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, many changes were implemented to help people through the instability that followed. The federal government declared a public health emergency and states were required to provide healthcare coverage for all medical assistance programs, even if a member's eligibility changed.

Now that the pandemic has begun to ease, many of the federally required emergency programs are beginning to expire. The public health emergency status for federal programs like Medicaid, CHIP and other programs will come to an end May 11, 2023.

This doesn't mean that COVID-19 is no longer a concern, but it does mean that many of these temporary, federally funded initiatives will change or be discontinued. Because the federal government required that these programs not remove anyone from their services during the emergency phase, there are patients who no longer qualify for these programs.

However, patients who still qualify will need to act to maintain their coverage. Anyone who was receiving care through Medicaid and CHIP/Child Health Plan + will need to re-enroll in their qualified program before May 11, 2023 or risk losing their coverage. Many will be automatically renewed based on annual renewal dates, but it is important to take a close look at your coverage with these changes on the horizon.

It is critical that if you or your child are on these federally funded plans that you verify your current phone, email, and mailing address with them.



If you are currently on Medicaid or the CHIP/Child Health Plan +, it is vitally important that your contact information is correct. See page 3 for ways to contact your state's resources.

Is your contact information up to date?

Take a moment today to confirm that Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) has the correct mailing address, phone numbers, and email address on file for you.

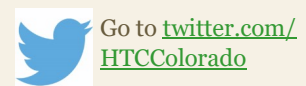
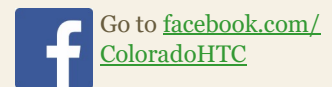


States in our region, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming, all have resources available to manage upcoming changes to Medicaid.

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SPOTLIGHT: DEETTA BARNHARDT, SOCIAL WORKER



DeEtta loves being with her family, and enjoys walks. Photo: DeEtta Barnhardt

Our HTC is excited to share that DeEtta Barnhardt, MSW, LCSW, has joined our psychosocial team as a social worker. She joins Emily Wheat, David Hayduke (psychologists), and Bryn Dunham (social worker) in addressing the needs of our patients in many ways, including mental health. She joined us in

early January of 2023 and has jumped right in to working with patients and is a fabulous addition to our team.

DeEtta grew up in a small town in northwest North Dakota, only seven miles from Canada! She is one of five children, and the only one that is not still living in North Dakota. Her parents were foster parents as well, so she grew up with about 25 children in and out of their home from when she was a small child through most of high school.

DeEtta earned her Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, and then received her Master of Social Work at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. DeEtta previously worked with children who had complex medical conditions at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford and at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in Minnesota.

When her family moved to Colorado she worked with adult blood cancer patients for five years at the University of Colorado Hospital but felt a desire to work with children and families again. DeEtta jumped at the opportunity to join the HTC, believing that working with bleeding disorder

families and kids was a great fit.

DeEtta meets with our patients and families to complete psychosocial assessments, and to provide support, and resources. She participates in program development, community education and outreach. DeEtta is working with the stroke program on their upcoming half-day education event for stroke patients and families and will also be working with our psychosocial team on a booth at the NHF Colorado Education Days.

DeEtta enjoys rom-com books and movies, enjoys spending time with her family, watching her daughter in gymnastics, going on walks, and enjoying Italian cuisine, especially homemade pasta. Her family loves the beach, although she could do without the mess that sand makes. Her favorite places she's been to are Athens, Rome, and Aruba! She and her family love going to the park and meeting up with friends at local restaurants.

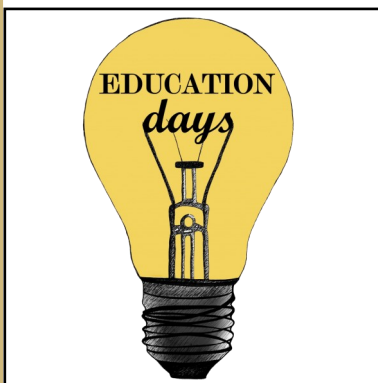


Homemade pasta is DeEtta's favorite! Photo: DeEtta Barnhardt

DeEtta shared that one of her favorite quotes is: *"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."* – Mahatma Gandhi.

We are so excited to be working with DeEtta and hope you have the chance to meet her soon. She enjoys working with our team and looking forward to learning more about bleeding and clotting disorders and how best to help our patients and families.

NHF COLORADO EDUCATION DAYS APRIL 14-16, 2023



We are excited to be a part of NHF Colorado's statewide Education Empowerment Days. This conference is a great opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate with others in the bleeding disorders community.

Education Days will be an in-person event this year, located at the Hyatt Regency in the Denver Tech Center. It begins Friday, April 14th in the afternoon/evening, and runs through Sunday morning, April 15th. Registration includes hotel accommodations, food, and events for any who have a direct household member who has a bleeding disorder diagnosis.

The conference includes childcare, a teen program track, as well as a Spanish speaking track. Several of our HTC staff will be participating and look forward to connecting with our bleeding disorder families. For more details, and to register for this exciting program, please go to cohem.org and see their Program Event Calendar.

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For Colorado residents:

- Visit [Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://colorado.gov/PEAK)
- Use the [Health First Colorado app](#) on your phone
- CHP+ members can call 1-800-359-1991 (state relay: 711)
- Contact your [County Department of Human Services](#)
- Connect for Health Colorado at connectforhealthco.com or 1-855-752-6749 is a good resource for CO residents to navigate the Health Insurance Marketplace and options on lowering costs of private insurance

For Wyoming residents:

- Use the Client Web Portal at www.wesystem.wyo.gov
- Email wesapplications@wyo.gov (include your FULL name, DOB or case number)
- Call 1-855-294-2127
- Enroll Wyoming, at <https://enrollwyo.org/> or 1-888-425-7138, is a good source for WY residents to navigate the Health Insurance Marketplace and options on lowering costs of private insurance

For Montana residents:

- Use the Montana portal at <https://apply.mt.gov/>
- If you do not have an email, use Montana Department of Public Health form: <https://bit.ly/DPHHSform>
- Call MT Public Assistance Help Line at 1-888-706-1535
- Stop by your local Office of Public Assistance: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/officeofpublicassistance>



- Cover Montana, at <https://covermt.org/> or 1-844-682-6837, is a good source for MT residents to navigate the Health Insurance Marketplace

Our insurance team, pharmacy team, and social workers are aware of this change and how it may impact our patients. If you need a new insurance plan, our HTC can help you understand which plans work with our center and provide the coverage and medications you need.

Please contact us if you have questions and need some support in understanding if you still qualify for the federal and state programs or if you will need to enroll in a private program. We can help you navigate this and keep your coverage continuous during this time.

Reach out to our social workers, Bryn Dunham bryn.dunham@cuanschutz.edu, and DeEtta Barnhardt deetta.barnhardt@cuanschutz.edu, or contact our pharmacy at 303-724-0168 or our main clinic at 303-724-0724 for information and support.

PEDIATRIC STROKE EDUCATION DAY

We invite all families of a child who has survived a stroke to join us for our Pediatric Stroke Education Day, a half-day seminar on **April 29, 2023 from 10 am to 2 pm**. This event is designed to provide connection and education to stroke patients and families. Topics during this half day program will focus on cognitive compensation strategies, allied therapies, and stress management.

We will have experts on hand to instruct and provide support to families in attendance. The entire family is invited to take part to learn and connect with others who have similar experiences.

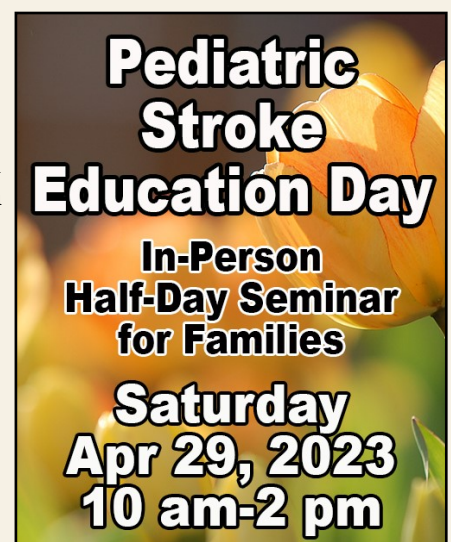
This educational program is free to all who want to attend, but please RSVP at strokesupport@ucdenver.edu or at 303-724-8520 so we can send you a calendar invite via email and know how many to plan for. Childcare will be available by volunteers from Children's Hospital Colorado, and food will be included.

Join us at the Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center, located

at 13199 E Montview Blvd., Aurora, Colorado 80045. Free parking is available in the visitor's parking in the adjacent garage on the corner of Montview and Victor Streets (enter on the North side of the parking garage).

Check in begins at **9:45 am**, and the program will begin at 10 am and run through 2 pm.

Our building is still locked, but access will be provided by staff to check families in at our main entrance. We look forward to connecting and learning with you!



RECENT HEADLINES

These are a few of the headlines that we've recently featured on our Newsroom page or on Social Media.

New Data: Hemgenix Reduces Bleeds in Hemophilia B Better than Standard Replacement Therapy

FDA Extends Review of Gene Therapy Roctavian for Hemophilia A

FDA Approves Efanesoctocog Alfa (Altuviio) to Treat Hemophilia A

Emicizumab (Hemlibra) Appears Safe, Effective in Mild or Moderate Hemophilia

Study Shows Efanesoctocog Alfa Prophylaxis Effective in Hemophilia A

Changes Coming to State Medicaid and CHIP Programs

We maintain a newsroom page at our website with a list of the news we feel may be of interest to our patients and families. Go to medschool.cuanschutz.edu/hemophilia-thrombosis/resources/newsroom to read more. We also share news on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars:

Please note. These dates may be tentative and subject to change. Please check appropriate websites for confirmation of events.

Apr 1: NHF Colorado Backpacks + Bleeders on the Slopes

Apr 13-16: HFA Annual Symposium—Orlando, FL

Apr 14-16: NHF Colorado Education Empowerment Days—Denver, CO

Apr 17: World Hemophilia Day

Apr 21-23: RMHBDA Education Weekend—Fairmont Hot Springs, Fairmont, MT

Apr 29: Pediatric Stroke Education Day

May 6: NHF Colorado Women's Group, Teatime

May 29: Clinic, Pharmacy, and Admin offices closed for Memorial Day

See more at our Events Page on our website: medschool.cuanschutz.edu/hemophilia-thrombosis/resources/events-calendar

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