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Colorado Mobile Crisis Response and Behavioral Health Secure Transportation Benefits

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Overview

This session will review the history of the Colorado Crisis System (CCS) and provide a comprehensive overview of the expanded Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) and Behavioral Health Secure Transportation (BHST) benefits. These have been designed in collaboration between state agencies including the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

Mobile Crisis Response

HCPF and the BHA partnered to expand community-based mobile crisis services for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, which can include both mental health and substance use related issues. This work was funded through the American Rescue Plan Act sections [9813](#) and [9817](#). The service is designed to de-escalate, stabilize, and keep members in the community while reducing arrests and hospitalizations. This service is available to all people in Colorado regardless of insurance status, age, locations, or residency status. Learn more about it at the [HCPF MCR webpage](#).

Behavioral Health Secure Transportation

[House Bill 21-1085](#) directed HCPF to implement a behavioral health secure transportation paid benefit by July 1, 2023. It is a collaborative effort between HCPF, the BHA, and CDPHE. BHST Regulations can be found in [6 CCR 1011-4](#) and in individual county jurisdictions. BHST is a benefit for all Health First Colorado members who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis and require urgent transportation for behavioral health stabilization and treatment. Learn more about it at [HCPF BHST webpage](#).

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