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COLORADO ACCESS AWARDED REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITY CONTRACTS

AURORA, CO – Colorado Access, a 501(c)4 nonprofit health plan, was awarded the Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) contracts for Regions 3 and 5, which includes the Denver Metro and surrounding area. On July 1, 2018, RAEs will replace current Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCO) and Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) contracts.

“We are excited to continue to serve the medically underserved population of Colorado. Our continued presence in Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Elbert counties continues more than 23 years serving the Medicaid population of Colorado,” said Dr. Marshall Thomas, president and chief executive officer at Colorado Access.

As the only local nonprofit RAE, Colorado Access enters into a seven-year contract with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The contract combines separate Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) physical and behavioral health contracts into one.

“Our strong partnership with the provider community will further be strengthened as the RAE. Providers will have one entity that can help with questions related to all aspects of a member’s care. The formation of the RAE will allow us to serve members in a more integrated care fashion,” said Gretchen McGinnis, senior vice president of healthcare systems and accountable care at Colorado Access.

Under the new RAE structure, Colorado is divided into seven regions. Each region is managed by one organization. Each organization manages no more than two regions. Colorado Access was awarded the two regions in and near the Denver Metro area. This includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Elbert counties. This contract is scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2018.

About Colorado Access:

Founded in 1994, Colorado Access is a local, nonprofit health plan that serves more than one million members. The company’s members receive health care under Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), and Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) behavioral and physical health, and long-term support programs. Colorado Access provides care coordination and management for three (3) of the seven (7) regions under the Accountable Care Collaborative program offered through Health First Colorado. The company administers three regional behavioral health organizations, serving more than 700,000 members accessing behavioral health services with Health First Colorado. Colorado Access is the state’s largest single entry point agency, coordinating long-term service and supports for more than 10,000 Health First Colorado recipients. To learn more about Colorado Access, visit coaccess.com.

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