

# ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

## QUESTIONS?

We're here to help!

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888-214-1101 (toll free)

We encourage all contracted providers to become designated as an Essential Community Provider (ECP) with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). Essential Community Providers are providers that have served the medically underserved or medically indigent patients and demonstrate a commitment to serve low income and medically indigent populations who comprise a significant portion of our patient population. The ECP designation will apply to providers participating in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), and Connect for Health Colorado, Colorado's health insurance marketplace.

ECPs are currently defined in Colorado state statute 25.5-5-403 (2) as health care providers that:

- Have historically served medically underserved or medically indigent patients and demonstrate a commitment to serve low income and medically indigent populations who make up a significant portion of its patient population or, in the case of a sole community provider, serves the medically indigent patients within its medical capability; and
- Waive charges or charge for services on a sliding scale based on income and do not restrict access or services because of a client's financial limitations.

To become designated, you must complete an application form and be approved. To start, please visit [colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/essential-community-providers](https://colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/essential-community-providers) and complete the [application form](#). If your application is approved, you will be included in the current list of Essential Community Providers, which can be accessed from the same website.

