

Encounter Rate Program (ERP)

2022 Evaluation Update

Traditional fee-for-service (FFS) payment limited reimbursement for behavioral health and integrated care services, making it challenging for providers to afford such staff or services.

In response, **Colorado Access implemented a novel encounter rate model** designed to cover the full complement of program costs associated with operating an effective integrated care model.

Twenty-three FFS behavioral health codes were identified for payment at a standard encounter rate; higher than typical FFS reimbursement.

These new rates were designed to cover costs related to salary, benefits, supervision, and technology-related needs of primary-care based behavioral health providers.

This 2022 evaluation update provides a 5-year snapshot of program progress and is focused on the increased access to integrated care by 10 of 13 participating providers.

