

Signal Behavioral Health (Signal) is a nonprofit, provider-sponsored managed service organization dedicated to the administration of Colorado's public substance abuse treatment funds. Its board of directors comprises representatives from six of the most prominent substance abuse and mental health providers in Colorado. Signal organized a network of substance abuse providers and has become the largest managed service organization in Colorado.

Quick Facts:

- Signal manages more than \$27 million annually in funds from the Colorado Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, Federal and State grants, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, county human and social service departments, and various State Judicial Districts from forfeiture funds.
- Signal contracts with a network of 20 detoxification and treatment providers throughout 35 Denver metro and front range counties monitoring the accessibility and quality of providers.
- Signal is the largest Managed Services Organization in Colorado with responsibility for 75% of the State.
- Signal provided over 42,000 Detox admissions and over 18,000 treatment admissions in FY 07-08.
- Of treatment admissions, 48% had alcohol as primary problem, 19% marijuana, 12% methamphetamine and 11% cocaine. Methamphetamine has actually dropped from 16% of admissions in FY 05-06.
- Signal assists state agencies and other units of government to develop managed care systems that reflect a true partnership with the key stakeholders.
- Signal is a leader in the shift of contractor performance monitoring. The General Assembly appropriated moneys to Signal for the Provider Performance Management System. The funding was a part of a multiple year request aimed at building the infrastructure for Signal and its providers to move from a reimbursement system that rewards client encounters to one that will incentivize improved performance.
- Innovative projects including Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Advancing Recovery grant and State Health Department tobacco cessation projects. Engaged in process improvement to assist providers to increase admissions and continuation in treatment and decrease waiting lists and no-shows. Integrating tobacco cessation in treatment and effecting provider policy change to address tobacco use.

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