

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** House Health and Environment Committee  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
Joint Budget Committee

**FROM:** Eric Kurtz, JBC Staff (303-866-4952)

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Developmental Disability Wait Lists and  
Appropriations to the Developmental Disability Services Cash Fund

**DATE:** January 20, 2011

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Section 27-10.5-104.2, C.R.S. (created by H.B. 08-1101 *Gardner/Renfroe*) requires the Joint Budget Committee and the committees in the House and Senate dealing with health and human service issues to meet annually and take public testimony on the status of the waiting lists for adult comprehensive services, adult supported living services, and family support services for persons with developmental disabilities. Pursuant to statute, "The goal of the hearing shall be to propose an appropriation from the general fund to the developmental disabilities services cash fund."

The table on the next page reflects current numbers of individuals funded, costs per placement, and waiting lists for the relevant developmental disability services, and a few other community-based services that may be of interest. The Department recently made modifications to the way it reports the size of the waiting lists to remove duplicates waiting for both residential Adult Comprehensive Services and nonresidential Supported Living Services, and to exclude people signed up to ensure that they have a safety net but who don't need or want services until the future (more than 2 years from now).

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| Services for People with Developmental Disabilities |                             |               |   |                                |                            |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Service   | FY 2010-11<br>Appropriation | Number Served |   | Avg. Cost per<br>Number Served | Waiting List<br>June 2010* |
| Early Intervention                                  | <u>\$23,634,461</u>         |               |   |                                |                            |
| Outreach & Coordination - FF                        | \$1,068,179                 |               |   |                                |                            |
| Direct Services - estimate                          | <u>\$22,566,282</u>         | 10,739        | annual unduplicated                         | \$2,101                        | N.A.                       |
| General Fund - appropriation                        | 12,798,328                  |               |   |                                |                            |
| Private Insurance - estimate                        | 2,422,957                   |               |   |                                |                            |
| Federal Funds - estimate                            | 7,344,997                   |               |   |                                |                            |
| School Age Children                                 |                             |               |   |                                |                            |
| Children's Extensive Support - Medicaid             | \$6,576,446                 | 393           | full-year participants                      | \$16,734                       | 291                        |
| Family Support Services - GF                        | \$6,219,699                 | 4,583         | annual unduplicated<br>average last 3 years | \$1,357                        | 4,679                      |
| Adult   |                             |               |   |                                |                            |
| Residential   |                             |               |   |                                |                            |
| Adult Comprehensive Services - GF/Medicaid          | \$269,004,046               | 4,287         | full-year participants                      | \$62,749                       | 1,595                      |
| Regional Centers - Medicaid**                       | \$63,071,794                | 300           | full-year participants                      | \$210,239                      | N.A.                       |
| Nonresidential                                      |                             |               |   |                                |                            |
| Supported Living Services - GF/Medicaid             | \$52,317,915                | 3,955         | full-year participants                      | \$13,230                       | 1,600                      |
| Case Management - GF/Medicaid                       | \$22,370,389                |               |   | N.A.                           | N.A.                       |

\* People requesting services within two years.

\*\* Includes estimated indirect costs appropriated in the Office of Operations, Office of Information Technology, and Executive Director's Office.

Statutes also indicate that the committees are to consider the amount of time eligible persons spend on the wait list. At the hearing with the Joint Budget Committee the Department reported that the statewide average time spent on the waiting list for Adult Comprehensive Services is 5.0 years, for Supported Living Services 3.0 years, for Children's Extensive Support 13 years, and for Family Support Services 2 years.

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***27-10.5-104.2. Services and supports - waiting list reduction - cash fund.***

*(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the developmental disabilities services cash fund, consisting of moneys appropriated thereto by the general assembly. Any interest derived from the deposit and investment of moneys in the developmental disabilities services cash fund shall be credited to the fund. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund or any other fund.*

*(2) During each regular session of the general assembly, the joint budget committee and the health and human services committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, shall hold a joint hearing and take public testimony on the status of the waiting lists for adult comprehensive services, adult supported living services, and family support services for persons with developmental disabilities and the availability of general fund moneys to reduce the number of persons on the waiting lists and the amount of time eligible persons wait for such services. The goal of the hearing shall be to propose an appropriation from the general fund to the developmental disabilities services cash fund.*

*(3) The general assembly may annually appropriate moneys in the developmental disabilities services cash fund to:*

*(a) The department for program costs for adult comprehensive services, adult supported living services, and family support services for persons with developmental disabilities provided pursuant to this article or part 4 of article 6 of title 25.5, C.R.S.; and*

*(b) The department of health care policy and financing for program costs for adult comprehensive services and adult supported living services for persons with developmental disabilities provided pursuant to this article or part 4 of article 6 of title 25.5, C.R.S.*

*(4) Any moneys appropriated from the developmental disabilities services cash fund pursuant to subsection (3) of this section that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall revert to the fund.*

*(5) It is the intent of the general assembly that the moneys in the developmental disabilities services cash fund be used to reduce the number of persons on the waiting lists for such services and the amount of time eligible persons wait for such services.*