



**COLORADO**  
Department of Human Services

**Regulatory Agenda  
Department of Human Services  
November 1, 2015 - October 31, 2016**

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) respectfully submits the following document in fulfillment of the statutory requirements set forth in Sections 2-7-202, 2-7-203(2), (4) and 24-4-103(2), (3), (11)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes.

**Overview of Department of Human Services Rule-making Entities**

CDHS has four Type I rule-making entities for which it was required to submit this report concerning their anticipated regulatory agendas for November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-7-202(6) and 2-7-203, C.R.S. These rule-making entities include the: Executive Director of the Department of Human Services; State Board of Human Services; Juvenile Parole Board; and the Adoption Intermediary Commission.

All four rule-making entities follow the requirements set forth in the Colorado Administrative Procedure Act (APA) including, but not limited to, noticing and posting of rule-making, involvement of stakeholders in the rule-making process, and preparing regulatory analyses for each rule proposed for adoption by its respective board. Additionally, all rule-making sessions are conducted as open public meetings.

***Executive Director Rules***

An Executive Director rule-making session occurs on an as needed basis for rule-making purposes which are also preceded by stakeholder input and feedback on proposed new rules, modifications to existing rules, and repeal of outdated or redundant rules.

***State Board of Human Services***

The State Board of Human Services meets on a regular basis, usually the first Friday of each month, to conduct business including rule-making. Prior to the rule-making session, stakeholder input and feedback is sought on all proposed new rules, modifications to existing rules, and repeal of outdated or redundant rules.

***Juvenile Parole Board***

The Juvenile Parole Board meets regularly to conduct its work pursuant to statutory mandates; however, they meet on an as needed basis for rule-making purposes. Prior to rule-making, stakeholder input is sought on proposed new rules, modifications to existing rules, and repeal of outdated or redundant rules.

***Adoption Intermediary Commission***

Similar to the Juvenile Parole Board, the Adoption Intermediary Commission convenes to conduct work in fulfillment of its statutory mandates and meets on an ad hoc basis for rule-making.

Consistent with the other three rule-making entities in the Department, stakeholder input is sought on proposed new rules, modifications to existing rules, and repeal of outdated or redundant rules prior to rule-making.

**Rule Review Project**

The Department undertook a Rule Reduction Review project in years 2011-2014 that included a review of all Departmental rules in an effort to repeal obsolete or redundant rules while revising remaining rules to ensure that they are clear, concise, consistent, and current. The broader goal of the project was to update, reduce, revise, clarify, and in many cases consolidate public assistance rules that serve low-income families, persons with disabilities, and older adults to allow county and partner staff to provide services more efficiently.

The Department has completed the initial Rule Reduction Review project which, alone, provided revisions to approximately 50% of all Department rules and 19% in repeals. It is currently undergoing a new three-year cycle of comprehensive rule review. The first year's review includes rules for the Office of Behavioral Health, Older Americans Act and Services for the Aging, and the Colorado Refugee Services Program. Proposed rule changes are reflected in the Regulatory Agenda.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RULE-MAKING

Following are rules anticipated for November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016. Changes may occur pursuant to changes in state or federal law and other factors that cannot be fully anticipated. At this time, the Department does not anticipate fee increases related to the adoption of these rules. The Department reserves the right to amend this agenda as additional information becomes available.

Rule	15-9-1-2: Revisions to Procedures for Awarding Gambling Addiction Grants
New rule or revision	Revised rules
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 12-47.1-1601 (4)(a.5)(I), 26-1-105(2)(a), 26-1-108, 26-1-109, 26-1-111, 27-61-101, C.R.S. To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	<p>The local government limited gaming impact fund requires the executive director of the department of human services to promulgate rules for awarding grants, from the gambling addiction account, for the purpose of providing gambling addiction counseling services to Colorado residents. Gambling addiction counseling providers who are awarded a gambling addiction grant will provide treatment, including prevention and education, to individuals who are assessed to be problem gamblers as well as others who have been affected by problem gambling. Rules went into effect September 1, 2015, establishing procedures for applying for a grant, the criteria for awarding and prioritizing applications, and other provisions necessary for the administration of the grant application and awards.</p> <p>This proposed change would provide clarity on how behavioral health programs are eligible to receive gambling addiction counseling grants, as intended in statute. The current rules read as though only individual behavioral health professionals are eligible to apply for the counseling grants. This lack of clarify in the rules could deter qualified programs from applying.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE); Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF); Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA); CDHS Colorado Mental Health Institutes; CDHS Division of Child Welfare; Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council; Mental Health Advisory Board for Service Standards and Regulations; Behavioral Health Transformation Council; community mental health centers; mental health clinics; Colorado Designated Managed Service Organizations; Colorado Hospital Association; consumer and family advocacy agencies; designated mental health facilities; substance abuse treatment providers; and all the Nationally Certified Gambling Counselors in Colorado listed on the National Council on Problem Gambling website
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted December 4, 2015, effective February 1, 2016

**STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES RULE-MAKING**

The following rules are inclusive of anticipated rules, as of November 1, 2015. Changes may occur pursuant to changes in state or federal law and other factors that cannot be fully anticipated. At this time, the Department does not anticipate fee increases related to the adoption of these rules. The Department reserves the right to amend this agenda as additional information becomes available.

The following list of rules is presented according to the primary office within the Department that is bringing the rule before the Board. However, it should be noted that some rules may have an affect on multiple programs.

***Rules Concerning the Office of the Executive Director***

Persons or parties who may be affected positively or negatively by Office rule-making: children in need of protection due to abuse and/or neglect; county departments of human and social services; state departments providing services to clients of the department; entities providing services to children, adolescents and families.

Rule	15-8-14-1: Repeal of Child Protection Ombudsman Program to Implement S.B. 15-204
New rule or revision	Repeal
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 19-3.3-102, C.R.S., et seq., as repealed and reenacted in S.B. 15-204
Purpose	The Child Protection Ombudsman was created by S.B. 10-171 and operates under a contract between the National Association of Counsel for Children and the Colorado Department of Human Services. Senate Bill 15-204 established further independence and autonomy for the Ombudsman program, and thus removed authority for the Child Protection Ombudsman from the Colorado Department of Human Services. The Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman will be established in the Judicial Department (January 1, 2016) as an independent agency. Repeal of these rules is necessary due to the statutory change in authority. This is to be accomplished by January 1, 2016.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Child Protection Ombudsman; CDHS Office of Children, Youth and Families and Division of Child Welfare; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); Child Welfare Sub-PAC; the Ombudsman Advisory Committee
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

***Rules Concerning the Office of Behavioral Health***

Persons or parties who may be affected positively or negatively by rule-making regarding the programs and services provided by the Office of Behavioral Health: county departments of human and social services; state departments providing services to clients of the department; community behavioral health centers; residents of the state mental health institutes; entities providing services to children, youth and families; entities providing mental health and substance use/abuse services; and, recipients of mental health and substance use/abuse services.

Rule	15-8-26-1: Revisions of Behavioral Health Rules as a Result of Comprehensive Rule Review
New rule or revision	Revision and/or new rules.
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-105.5(6), C.R.S.; 26-1-108(1.8), C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.; 27-65-128, C.R.S.; 27-66-102(2), C.R.S.; 27-67-106 through 27-67-107, C.R.S.; 27-69-101 through 104, C.R.S.; 27-80-108, C.R.S.; 27-81-106, C.R.S.; 27-82-103(1), C.R.S. (2014); 27-90-103, C.R.S.; 27-92-102, C.R.S.; 42 CFR Part 8
Purpose	In accordance with Section 24-4-103.3, C.R.S., all state agencies are required to complete a mandatory review of all their agency rules in consultation with the Department of Regulatory Agencies. A review of the Office of Behavioral Health's existing rules was on the Department of Human Services' schedule for 2015. This comprehensive rule review has been completed and found areas requiring clarification and technical clean-up to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, and elegance of the behavioral health rules. The proposed rule changes are intended to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the behavioral health rules and to provide a more streamlined process for service providers to protect the safety, health, and welfare of Colorado residents.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE); Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF); Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA); CDHS Colorado Mental Health Institutes; CDHS Division of Child Welfare; Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council; Mental Health Advisory Board for Service Standards and Regulations; Behavioral Health Transformation Council; community mental health centers; mental health clinics; Colorado Designated Managed Service Organizations; Colorado Hospital Association; consumer and family advocacy agencies; designated mental health facilities; substance abuse treatment providers; Policy Advisory Committee; Child Welfare Sub-PAC
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted December 4, 2015

Rule	15-10-20-1: Revisions of Rules for Competency Evaluations in Criminal Cases
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 26-1-109; 26-1-111; 27-90-103; 26-1-105.5(6); 27-65-128; 27-66-102(2); 27-69-101 through 104, C.R.S.
Purpose	The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) has a statutory obligation under Section 16-8.5-101, et seq., C.R.S., to provide competency evaluations for persons charged with criminal offenses. Revisions to the current rules would allow CDHS to employ additional evaluators as contractors to provide competency evaluation under an active purchase order or personal service contract. In allowing contractors the ability to perform competency evaluations, wait times for competency evaluations will decrease and more beds will be available for individuals in need of inpatient mental health services at the Colorado Mental Health Institutes.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	CDHS Colorado Mental Health Institutes; the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; the Department of Corrections; the Colorado State Judicial Branch, Colorado County and District Courts; Community Mental Health Centers; the Colorado Psychiatric Society; the Colorado Psychological Association
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted as emergency November 6, 2015, effective November 6; then adopted permanent December 4, 2015, effective February 1, 2016

Rule	Coordinated Community Behavioral Health Crisis System Rules Pursuant to Senate Bill 13-266
New rule or revision	Revision and/or new rules.
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 27-60-103, C.R.S. To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	To implement Senate Bill 13-266, which authorizes the State Board of Human Services to establish any necessary rules for crisis services.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE); Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF); Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA); Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council; community mental health centers; mental health clinics; Colorado Designated Managed Service Organizations; Colorado Hospital Association; consumer and family advocacy agencies; designated mental health facilities; substance use/abuse treatment providers; county departments of human/social services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); Sub-PAC committees
Schedule	To be determined

***Rules Concerning the Office of Children, Youth and Families***

Affected parties may include: county departments of human and social services; state departments providing services to clients of CDHS; entities interacting with children and youth in Child Welfare and Youth Corrections settings; private youth corrections facilities; recipients of child welfare services; entities providing services to children, youth and families; and persons affected by domestic violence.

Rule	14-11-17-1 Domestic Violence Program Changes
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.; 26-7.5-104(2), C.R.S.
Purpose	<p>The Domestic Violence Program (DVP) administers federal and state cash funding provided to domestic violence crisis centers throughout Colorado. These crisis centers deliver crucial emergency services to families impacted by domestic violence. Services funded by DVP include crisis counseling, advocacy, shelter, and group support.</p> <p>The Department is statutorily authorized to promulgate rules for DVP that create standards and regulations for these crisis centers. The rules encourage the development of crisis centers by units of local government and non-governmental/nonprofit organizations. Each crisis center that receives DVP funding must meet approved minimum standards as established by rule. As a part of the Department’s rule reduction endeavor in 2011 – 2012, DVP repealed several rules concerning how DVP administers the program. The main purpose of the current revision is to establish clear standards for the crisis centers funded by DVP. Additionally, the CDHS Division of Audits conducted an audit of DVP in 2013 and these changes reflect their recommendations. This rule change aligns with DVP efforts to improve the level of quality services all citizens impacted by domestic violence deserve when receiving services from a funded program. DVP’s recent endeavors to track meaningful outcomes in C-Stat, such as completion of a needs assessment, support these proposed changes.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	DVP-funded programs; the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	15-7-27-1: Implementation of S.B. 15-087 Regarding the Safe Placement of Children in Foster Care Homes
New rule or revision	Revisions, new rules and repeals
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 19-1-103; 19-1-203; 19-3-406; 19-3-407; 26-1-107; 26-1-109; 26-1-111; 26-5-102(1)(a); 26-5-103; and 26-6-106.5, C.R.S.; 42 U.S.C. 671, Section 471(a)(10); 42 U.S.C. 671, Section 471(a)(2)
Purpose	<p>“The Safe Placement of Children in Foster Care Homes (Senate Bill 15-087)”, was passed in the 2015 legislature. The legislation adds definitions, describes expectations for consistent provider background checks, disqualifying factors for background checks, and the actions required by county departments of human or social services and Child Placement Agencies (CPA) that are intended to safeguard children and youth placed in out-of-home care. The legislation also describes steps to be taken when an emergency placement is made for a child or youth with a relative or other available person, and requires evaluation of a placement with non-certified kin when disqualifying factors are found.</p> <p>The proposed rules are intended to provide guidance for consistency when county departments of human or social services and Child Placement Agencies complete provider background checks. In addition, the rules provide guidance about decision-making when county departments of human or social services are considering out-of-home placement or making emergency placements of children and youth outside of their custodial home. The rules clarify required background checks, which may impact safety, as well as positively impacting permanency measures through placement with kinship foster care and non-certified kinship care. A safe environment also allows children and youth in out-of-home care to decrease their vigilance and begin a restorative process, which can positively impact their well-being.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI); Colorado Association of Family and Children’s Agencies (CAFCA); County Adolescent and Chafee Supervisors; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); Colorado Coalition of Adoptive Families (COCAF); Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Colorado Human Services Directors Association (CHSDA); Colorado State Foster Parent Association; Colorado Trails User Group (CTUG); County Adoption Supervisors; Fostering Colorado; Foster Care Coordinators; Kinship Alliance; Office of the Child’s Representative (OCR); Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center; Child Protection Task Group; Pathways to Success Model Youth System Project Steering Committee and Workgroups; Permanency Task Group; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); Child Welfare Sub-PAC; Office of Children, Youth, and Families Human Trafficking Task Group; the Colorado Department of Human Services Administrative Review Division; and the Division of Child Welfare Child Protection, Permanency, Placement Services, and Youth Services Units
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	15-9-8-1: Revisions to Child Protection Teams
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 19-1-103(22), C.R.S.; 19-3-308(6)(a), C.R.S.; 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this rule change is to provide the operationalization of statute, in rule, in response to a recommendation from the Office of the State Auditor. In the 2014 Child Welfare Audit, Recommendation 8A stated as long as Child Protection Teams continue in their current form, the Department of Human Services should improve their use as an oversight mechanism by seeking legal guidance from the Office of the Attorney General on whether statute as currently written allows for counties to employ a risk-based approach for determining which cases should be reviewed by a Child Protection Team. Based on that guidance either (i) work with the State Board of Human Services to promulgate rules on how to employ a risk-based approach for selecting which cases are reviewed by the Child Protection Team or, (ii) work with General Assembly to seek statutory change to allow for a risk-based approach.</p> <p>The Department agreed with the Audit recommendation. The Department believes that CPTs best serve children and their communities when led at the local level; and, that counties should have sufficient flexibility to meet their unique community needs.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Child Protection Task Group; county Child Protection Team members; the rule was sent to over 4,000 stakeholders, such as representatives from county staff, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), school district staff and school board members, Guardians ad Litem, respondent attorneys, local law enforcement, Department of Health, CDHS Office of Behavioral Health, early childhood councils, citizens
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	15-8-14-2: Reinstatement of Parental Rights Pursuant to S.B. 14-062
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 19-3-612, C.R.S. To revise and update current rules, including new rules to reinstate parental rights.
Purpose	To implement Senate Bill 14-062, this authorizes the State Board of Human Services to establish rules for assessment of parents to support reinstatement of the parent-child legal relationship.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	County departments of human/social services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Sub-PAC committees; State Court Administrator's Office for judicial officer and Respondent Parent Attorney; Office of Child Representatives (OCR); Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted December 4, 2015, effective February 1, 2016

Rule	Revision of Safety and Risk Assessment Tool Access
New rule or revision	Revision of existing rules
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 19-1-116 (1.5), (2); 26-5-110; 26-5-201, 26-5.5-103; 26-5.5-104; C.R.S.; 42 USC 671, Sec. 471(a)(28) To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	Revisions to safety and risk to reflect outcome of pilot, and revisions to definition and processing of duplicate referrals.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	County departments of human/social services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Sub-PAC committees; advisory groups; stakeholders; affected agencies; providers
Schedule	Anticipate adoption February 2016, effective April 1, 2016

Rule	Institutional Assessment Rules
New rule or revision	Revision of existing rules
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 19-1-116 (1.5), (2); 26-5-110; 26-5-201, 26-5.5-103; 26-5.5-104; C.R.S.; 42 USC 671, Sec. 471(a)(28) To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	Revisions to institutional assessment rules.
Proposed Stakeholder	County departments of human/social services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Sub-PAC committees; advisory groups; stakeholders; affected agencies;

Outreach	providers
Schedule	To be determined

Rule	Review of Hotline Rules
New rule or revision	Revision of existing rules
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 19-1-116 (1.5), (2); 26-5-110; 26-5-201, 26-5.5-103; 26-5.5-104; C.R.S.; 42 USC 671, Sec. 471(a)(28) To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	To review and possibly update current rules.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Hotline Steering Committee; county departments of human/social services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Sub-PAC committees; advisory groups; stakeholders; affected agencies; providers
Schedule	To be determined

Rule	Child Placement Agency Rules
New rule or revision	Revision of existing rules
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 19-1-116 (1.5), (2); 26-5-110; 26-5-201, 26-5.5-103; 26-5.5-104; C.R.S.; 42 USC 671, Sec. 471(a)(28) To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	Revisions to Child Placement rules.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Child Placement Agencies; county departments of human/social services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Sub-PAC committees; advisory groups; stakeholders; affected agencies; providers
Schedule	To be determined

***Rules Concerning the Office Community Access and Independence***

Affected parties may include: county departments of human and social services; state departments providing services to clients of the Department; persons with disabilities and their families; entities providing services to aging citizens; residents at the State Veteran Community Living Centers.

Rule	15-5-8-1: Adult Protective Services Revisions
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.; 26-3.1-108, C.R.S.
Purpose	To update Adult Protective Services (APS) rules in order to: clarify APS's responsibilities in facility investigations; update report response and screening requirements; update confidentiality rules; update rules related to case plan development; update rules related to the reassessment process; update monthly contact requirements; update case closure procedures; and, complete some technical cleanup. Adult Protective Services has been working to implement mandatory reporting, as required by S.B. 13-111 and the rollout of the new APS Case Management System (CAPS) since July 1, 2014.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); Economic Security Sub-PAC; County Departments of Human/Social Services; Colorado Human Services Directors Association (CHSDA); Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI); Colorado Commission on Aging (CCOA); Colorado Legal Services; Colorado Senior Lobby; Community Centered Boards; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Facilities Division; Disability Law Colorado; Area Agencies on Aging
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted June 2016

Rule	15-7-23-1: Older Americans Act and Services for the Aging Rule Revisions
New rule or revision	Revisions and additions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.;
Purpose	<p>The State Unit on Aging has conducted a comprehensive rule review of rules regarding the Older Americans Act and Services for the Aging. As a result, rule revisions are being proposed to provide partner agencies opportunities to expand services that assist older Coloradans with maintaining their independence and live in the community of their choice and to provide for fiscal accountability of funds. Providing increased flexibility to partner agencies at the local level to meet the needs of older Coloradans supports Goal No. 1 in the CDHS Strategic Plan: <i>Thrive in the community of their choice</i>. Some of the proposed revisions are necessary to bring current rules into alignment with federal requirements. These proposed revisions include: disease prevention/health promotion services; program income expenditures in the Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services programs; eligibility requirements for the National Family Caregiver Support program; length of participation in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP); targeting priority for veterans in SCSEP; length of host agency assignment in SCSEP; and, administrative terminations in SCSEP.</p> <p>Federal regulations require that program income earned be expended prior to being reimbursed for services provided. Rules pertaining to program income have been revised to adhere to the federal regulation. Additionally, as a result of stakeholder feedback, the State Unit on Aging is removing a rule deemed as burdensome that requires all program income earned be kept in an interest bearing account and separate from non-aging programs. The State Unit on Aging has heard through stakeholders that these requirements are burdensome in that many banks require minimum balances in interest bearing accounts and local agencies have needed to hold additional local cash in them to avoid fees. With the requirement that program income be expended the month it is earned prior to requesting reimbursement, the requirement to hold program income in an interest bearing account and separate from non-aging programs is unnecessary.</p> <p>Eligibility for the National Family Caregiver Services program is determined by the federal Older Americans Act. As a result of stakeholder feedback, eligibility for the National Family Caregiver Services program is being revised to match federal eligibility guidelines. Broadening the definition of eligibility in the National Family Caregiver Services program to include adult family members providing care for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction will provide opportunities for individuals currently not eligible to receive services with support to remain in the community of their choice.</p> <p>Clarification is being provided for the Senior Community Service Employment Program priority of services to older veterans and allowing participants the opportunity to continue to receive employment training through extending</p>

enrollment and host agency assignment in the program. Increasing duration of enrollment in the program and host agency assignment will provide additional employment skills that may be transferable into gainful employment at the completion of the program.

Disease prevention/health promotion services must be delivered through evidence-based programs. There is no longer a federal requirement that a percentage of disease prevention/health promotion services be earmarked for medication management. Removing this requirement will increase local flexibility by allowing agencies to determine which disease prevention/health promotion services are needed in their community.

Revisions to the provision of modified diets in the Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services Nutrition Programs are being proposed to clearly define a distinction between therapeutic diets and modified diets. Another proposed rule change eliminates the requirement for physician prescription and subsequent follow-up with physicians every six (6) months for modified diets. Modified diets are often consumer directed and are not intended to be therapeutic but instead offer choice and preference to consumers. The State Unit on Aging has received feedback from stakeholders that the current regulation requiring physician prescription and subsequent follow-up with the physician every six months in order to provide modified diets is burdensome and is deterring them from providing this option to consumers. With the revision of this rule, modified diets will no longer require physician prescriptions or subsequent follow-up with the physician's office every six months. Instead, they will be able to be provided in the same way as regular meals. Therapeutic diets have been defined clearly in this revision as a diet intervention ordered by a health care practitioner as part of the treatment for a disease or clinical condition manifesting an altered nutritional status, to eliminate, decrease, or increase certain substances in the diet. Therapeutic diets provide the corresponding treatment that addresses a particular disease or clinical condition, which is manifesting an altered nutritional status by providing the specific nutritional requirements to remedy the alteration. Due to the clinical nature of therapeutic diets they will require a physician's prescription, including updating the prescription every six months with the physician's office. The majority of special diets provided in the Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services Nutrition Programs fall into the category of a modified diet, with minimal falling under the category of a therapeutic diet. The requirement of registering clients in order to receive services has been clarified to include any registered service through Older Americans Act or State Funding for Senior Services.

There are six Area Agencies on Aging with a federal cash advance. Federal cash advances are held at the Area Agency on Aging and are used to pay providers for services when there is a lag in reimbursement from the State. Currently, there is no regulation that addresses the federal cash advance in the event a new agency is identified as the Area Agency on Aging. The addition of this regulation requiring balances of Federal cash advances to be returned to the State ensures financial accountability of federal funds during transitions between agencies.

	A number of changes have been made to the definitions section to align with current service delivery and federal requirements.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	<p>Aging Policy Advisory Committee (APAC); Colorado Commission on Aging; Area Agencies on Aging; Older Americans Act/State Funding for Senior Services contractors and sub-contractors, including the Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Southern Ute Community Action Programs; Registered Dietitians; the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; and, SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc., the State SCSEP sub-grantee.</p> <p>The Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP) is a non-profit organization created by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. As a sub-contractor of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, SUCAP provides services to elders within their community utilizing Older Americans Act and/or State Funds for Senior Services funding. The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties. Currently, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe does not receive any funding through the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging. To foster coordination of aging services between the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging and both tribes, a member from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have served on the Regional Advisory Council of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging.</p>
Schedule	Anticipated for adoption on November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	State Allocation for Delivery of Independent Living Services Pursuant to S.B. 15-240
New rule or revision	Revisions and/or new rules
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111
Purpose	To implement a funding formula for block distribution of state moneys in consultation with independent living centers for persons with disabilities.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Independent Living Centers; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted May 2016, effective July 1, 2016

***Rules Concerning the Office of Early Childhood***

Affected parties may include: county departments of human and social services; public health providers; state departments providing services to clients of the Department; recipients of early childhood services; providers of early intervention and early childhood mental health services; case management entities; entities providing licensed child care; recipients of child care services and child care assistance; clients impacted by home visitation programs; and, entities providing services to children and their families.

Rule	15-10-6-1: Changes to Rules Regulating Child Care Centers (Less Than 24-Hour Care)
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107(5), (6); 26-1-109(5); 26-6-106(1)(a); 26-6-113, C.R.S.
Purpose	<p>The Department is statutorily authorized to promulgate rules for licensed child care programs providing less than twenty-four hour care that creates standards and regulations for these child care programs. Each child care program must meet approved minimum standards as established by rule.</p> <p>These proposed rules bring the Child Care rules that regulate less than 24 hour facilities into alignment with the Federal Child Care and Development Fund Reauthorization. In addition, the proposed rules were drafted in collaboration with child care providers and community stakeholders to address the physical well-being of children in child care and the growing issue of childhood obesity in Colorado, as well as clarify existing regulations, and providing expanded career pathways for child care personnel.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	All licensed child care programs providing less than 24 hour care as well as their representative organizations, including the Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, the Colorado Children’s Campaign, Colorado Chapter, and the Family Child Care Association of Colorado
Schedule	Anticipate adoption December 4, 2015, effective February 1, 2016

Rule	Further Revisions to Implement Provisions of H.B. 14-1317 Regarding Colorado Child Care Assistance Program Modifications
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-2-803 through 26-2-805, C.R.S.
Purpose	To modify Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) rules to meet the intent of H.B. 14-1317. Additional rules for the implementation of H.B. 14-1317 that were not promulgated in October 2014 under the initial rule-making package (#314-8-25-1).
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	House Bill 14-1317 Joint Implementation Task Force; county departments of social/human services; Colorado Human Services Directors Association; Colorado Counties Incorporated; Colorado Children’s Campaign; Early Childhood Leadership Commission; Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children; Colorado Early Childhood Education Association; The Early Childhood Sub-PAC; the Finance Sub-PAC; the Economic Security Sub-PAC and the Policy Advisory Committee; the Early Childhood Summit and the Early Childhood State Partners; Colorado Resource and Referral Agencies; Colorado Early Childhood Councils; Head Start; all CCCAP providers; parents; and stakeholder groups
Schedule	Adopt in order to be effective on or before July 1, 2016

Rule	Changes to Rules Regulating School-Age Child Care Centers (Less Than 24-Hour Care)
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107(5), (6); 26-1-109(5); 26-6-106(1)(a); 26-6-113, C.R.S.
Purpose	The Department is statutorily authorized to promulgate rules for licensed child care programs providing less than twenty-four hour care that creates standards and regulations for these child care programs. Each child care program must meet approved minimum standards as established by rule.  These proposed rules bring School Age Child Care rules that regulate less than 24 hour facilities into alignment with the Federal Child Care and Development Fund Reauthorization.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	All licensed child care programs providing less than 24 hour care as well as their representative organizations, including School Districts and school age child care associations throughout the state
Schedule	Anticipate adoption April 2016, effective June 1, 2016

Rule	Changes to Rules Regulating Family Child Care Homes (Less Than 24-Hour Care)
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107(5), (6); 26-1-109(5); 26-6-106(1)(a); 26-6-113, C.R.S.
Purpose	<p>The Department is statutorily authorized to promulgate rules for licensed child care programs providing less than twenty-four hour care that creates standards and regulations for these child care programs. Each child care program must meet approved minimum standards as established by rule.</p> <p>These proposed rules will bring the Family Child Care Home rules that regulate less than 24 hour facilities into alignment with the Federal Child Care and Development Fund Reauthorization.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	All licensed child care homes providing less than 24 hour care as well as their representative organizations, including the State Family Child Care Home Association
Schedule	Anticipate adoption April 2016, effective June 1, 2016

Rule	Changes to General Rules Regulating Family Child Care Homes (Less Than 24-Hour Care)
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107(5), (6); 26-1-109(5); 26-6-106(1)(a); 26-6-113, C.R.S.
Purpose	<p>The Department is statutorily authorized to promulgate rules for licensed child care programs providing less than twenty-four hour care that creates standards and regulations for these child care programs. Each child care program must meet approved minimum standards as established by rule.</p> <p>These proposed rules will bring the General Rules Regulating Child Care Facilities rules that regulate all child care facilities into alignment with the Federal Child Care and Development Fund Reauthorization.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	All licensed child care providers and facilities providing less than 24 hour care as well as their representative organizations
Schedule	Anticipate adoption April 2016, effective June 1, 2016



***Rules Concerning the Office of Economic Security***

Affected parties may include: county departments of human and social services; local Colorado Works offices and recipients of employment assistance; community organizations providing services to refugees; individuals impacted by child support enforcement and services; entities providing adult financial services; entities providing food assistance and energy assistance benefits; and, recipients of the programs and services provided by the Office.

Rule	#15-9-1-1: Food Assistance Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Standard Utility Allowance and Cost of Living Adjustments
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.; 26-2-301, C.R.S.; 26-2-302, C.R.S.; Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) ; 7 CFR 273.9(a); 7 CFR 273.9(d)(1)(i); 7 CFR (d)(6)(ii); 7 CFR (d)(6)(iii); 7 CFR 273.10(e)(4)(i); 7 CFR 273.10(e)(2)(ii)(C); 7 CFR 273.12(e)
Purpose	The proposed rule changes are necessary to be in compliance with federal regulations and serves two purposes: 1) to revise five Food Assistance Program rules at 10 CCR 2506-1 to outline the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 income eligibility standards and deductions that are adjusted annually and made effective each October 1. The adjustments are based on a cost of living adjustment (COLA) as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA, FNS). Colorado received the FFY15 COLA adjustments on August 11, 2015; and 2) to revise Food Assistance Program rule regarding “Four-Tiered Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance” to incorporate the FFY 2016 standard utility allowances (SUA). Federal regulation 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(iii)(B) requires states to annually review its standard utility allowance and to make adjustments based on changes in the current cost of living.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Office of Economic Security Sub-PAC; Food Assistance Performance Improvement Plan monthly meeting which consists of representatives from the ten largest counties
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	15-2-9-1: Update to State Claims Plan to Implement Food Assistance Claim Cost Effectiveness Plan
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.; 26-2-301, C.R.S.; 26-2-302, C.R.S.; 7 CFR 271-276; 7 CFR 273.18(e); Public Law 113-79
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the proposed rule changes is to comply with federal regulations and to resolve outstanding federal audit findings regarding the Food Assistance Program’s management of claims. Claims are legally obligated debts established against households when the household is overpaid food assistance benefits that result from either an error made by the agency or the household. These rule changes have three objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The first objective is to make changes to the State Claims Plan that is submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA, FNS). Colorado is required to have a State Claims Plan with USDA, FNS, and at this time, Colorado’s State Claims Plan is associated with claim and fraud rules as provided in the Food Assistance rules (10 CCR 2506-1). USDA, FNS, has reviewed the State Claims Plan and has provided feedback on requisite changes. The requisite changes being proposed through this rule-making package have been approved by FNS, and FNS is evaluating Colorado’s management of claims based on the Plan they approved, as outlined in letters issued by USDA, FNS, dated April 15, 2015 and June 16, 2015.</li> <li>2) The second objective is to implement a cost effectiveness plan. When claims are established, Colorado must meet certain administrative requirements. Colorado is out of compliance with meeting these requirements and the USDA, FNS, encouraged the Program to review if implementing a cost effectiveness plan would simplify the management of claims, as allowed under federal regulations (7 CFR 273.18(e)). Any overpayments that fall within the parameters below will not be established for collection. FNS has approved these thresholds as part of the revised State Claims Plan effective April 15, 2015. No changes are being made to how collection activity occurs on debts that are established.</li> <li>3) The final purpose of this rule change is to provide technical corrections of any punctuation or misspelled words, and by replacing “program” with “Program” for consistency throughout rules 4.800-4.801.8.</li> </ol>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Hunger Free Colorado; Weld Food Bank; Aurora Community Connection; Care and Share outreach partner; Colorado Legal Services; the Legal Center or Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons; Colorado Center on Law and Policy; Food Assistance monthly meeting with the ten largest counties; CDHS Colorado Works Program area, Adult Financial Program area, and Office of Appeals; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); OES Sub-PAC; OES Sub-PAC Claims Workgroup with all county representation
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	15-8-18-1: Implementation of H.B. 15-1255 Identifying the Penalties Associated with Misuse of the EBT Card for TANF/CO Works and Adult Financial Cash Benefits
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; 26-1-111, C.R.S.; 26-2-104, C.R.S.; 26-2-111, C.R.S.; 26-2-702, C.R.S.; 42 U.S.C. Section 608(a)(12) (2012); Colorado's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan requires compliance with 42 U.S.C. Section 608(a)(12)
Purpose	<p>H.B. 15-1255 was signed into law on May 1, 2015. This law requires that on or before January 1, 2016, the State Department shall adopt rules to enforce the prohibition of clients accessing benefits at an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) located in an establishment in which a client is prohibited from accessing benefits by federal law. The rules must include increasing penalties for multiple violations.</p> <p>The purpose of these rules is to identify the enforcement mechanisms for customers who utilize their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards at ATMs located in prohibited locations.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	County Human Services Directors Association; Colorado Commission on Aging; Colorado Legal Services; The Legal Center; Colorado Senior Lobby; Single Entry Point agencies; Community Centered Boards; Economic Security Sub-PAC; Colorado Gerontological Society; All Families Deserve a Chance (AFDC) Coalition; Area Agencies on Aging; Legal Aid of Metropolitan Denver; Colorado Center on Law and Policy; Colorado Counties, Inc.; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Colorado Department of Revenue, Enforcement Division, Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement; Colorado Department of Human Services Food Assistance Division, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, and Division of Child Welfare
Schedule	Anticipated to be adopted November 6, 2015, effective January 1, 2016

Rule	15-9-29-1: Penalties for Individuals Convicted of Fraud in the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
New rule or revision	Revision
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 26-2-122.5; 26-2-104(2) (a), (b); 40-8.5-101; 40-8.7-101; 40-8.7-109; 40-8.7-112(1), C.R.S.
Purpose	The State Board of Human Services requested that the Department reconsider the penalties imposed due to a fraud conviction. The purpose of this proposed rule change is to revise language in Section 3.751.56 to establish an appropriate consequence for an individual convicted of committing fraud in the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). Individuals who are found guilty of committing fraud in LEAP, pursuant to Section 26-1-127, shall be ineligible to participate in LEAP for three years following the first conviction and permanently for the second conviction.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Colorado Legal Services; Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC); Colorado Energy Office (CEO); Governor's Commission on Low Income Energy Assistance; Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition; Economic Security Sub-PAC; County LEAP managers; the County Human Services Directors Association
Schedule	Anticipate adoption January 8, 2016, effective March 1, 2016

Rule	15-9-30-1: Implementing Transitional Food Assistance
New rule or revision	Revision
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-2-301, C.R.S.; Public Law 113-79; 7 CFR 273.26-273.32
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the proposed rule is to implement a Food Assistance federal policy option called Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA), which is known as Transitional Food Assistance (TFA) in Colorado. The aim of Transitional Food Assistance is to help meet a family’s nutritional needs for five months as they transition into self-sufficiency. The policy option allows states to provide stable Food Assistance benefits to families that receive Food Assistance and Colorado Works (CW) basic cash assistance but become ineligible for Colorado Works cash assistance during the middle of the household’s certification period because changes in the family’s income makes them no longer eligible for cash assistance.</p> <p>When a household leaves Colorado Works, the household’s Food Assistance allotment will be frozen for a period of five (5) months in an amount based on what the household received prior to when changes in the family’s income makes them ineligible for Colorado Works, after accounting for four criteria. If a household feels that it is entitled to a higher benefit amount, it can re-apply at any time during the five month transitional period.</p>
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Employment and Benefits Division; Colorado Child Care Program; Hunger Free Colorado; County Human Services Directors Association; Colorado Legal Services; The Legal Center; Economic Security Sub-PAC; Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition; All Families Deserve a Chance (AFDC) Coalition; Colorado Coalition for the Homeless; PAC; Food Assistance monthly meeting with the ten largest counties; OES sub-PAC Claims Workgroup with all county representation; Hunger Free Colorado; CDHS Colorado Works Program area; CDHS Adult Financial Program area; Colorado Human Services Directors Association (CHSDA)
Schedule	Anticipate adoption December 4, 2015, effective February 1, 2016

Rule	15-10-23-1: Aligning Food Assistance Certification Periods and Change Reporting Requirements
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107; 26-1-109; 26-1-111; 26-2-301; 26-2-302, C.R.S.; Pub.L. 113-79 (Agricultural Act of 2014); 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036; 7 CFR– 273.10(f); 7 CFR 273.12; 7 CFR 273.12 (a)(5)(i)
Purpose	The purpose of the proposed rule change is to further align certification periods and change reporting requirements among Food Assistance households. Further alignment simplifies administration of the Program, decreases county and state workload, and simplifies system design and policy interpretation and application, all of which reduce the risk of untimely and inaccurate eligibility decisions.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Employment and Benefits Division; Hunger Free Colorado; County Human Services Directors Association; Colorado Legal Services; Economic Security Sub-PAC; Colorado Coalition for the Homeless; Food Assistance monthly meeting with the ten largest counties; CDHS Colorado Works Program area; CDHS Adult Financial Program area
Schedule	Anticipate adoption January 8, 2016, effective March 1, 2016

Rule	Annual Update for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for adoption of rule	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.; 26-2-122.5 C.R.S.; 40-8.7-109, C.R.S.; 40-8.7-112(1), C.R.S. To revise and update current rules.
Purpose	To revise, clarify and update the income guidelines and flat rates for benefit calculation.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	Colorado Legal Services; Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); Economic Security Sub-PAC; Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC); Colorado Energy Office (CEO); Governor’s Commission on Low Income Energy Assistance; Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition; Colorado Rural Electric Association; County LEAP managers, County Human Services Directors Association
Schedule	To be determined: end of calendar year 2016

Rule	15-10-14-1: Revisions to the Colorado Refugee Service Program (CRSP) Rules
New rule or revision	Revisions
Statutory or other basis for	The State Department is authorized to act through the State Board to promulgate rules pursuant to the State Board authority granted pursuant to 26-1-107, C.R.S.;

adoption of rule	26-2-111(1)(a), C.R.S., et seq.; 26-1-109, C.R.S.; Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), Public Law No. 82-414; 45 CFR 400.4; 45 CFR 400.5
Purpose	The Colorado Refugee Service Program (CRSP) rules have not been updated since 2012. As currently written, the rules are not up-to-date with language regarding federal program eligibility. This creates confusion for county technicians to determine eligibility for benefits, which can lead to misapplication of the rules and CRSP clients not receiving benefits timely. CRSP would also like to include information regarding other programs that CRSP clients could be eligible to access and reference those state rule citations, e.g., food assistance.
Proposed Stakeholder Outreach	CDHS Employment and Benefits Division Programs; Food and Energy Assistance Division; Voluntary Resettlement Agencies (Volags), specifically Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains and African Community Center; Colorado Alliance for Refugee Empowerment and Success (CARES) network of service providers; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; counties serving refugees
Schedule	Anticipate adoption March 2016

## **JUVENILE PAROLE BOARD RULE-MAKING**

### ***Rules Concerning the Juvenile Parole Board***

An extensive list of individuals and organizations are routinely consulted in the development of rules and in the formal rule-making process. Due to the range of subject matter falling under the purview of the Department, this list is diverse and can change. Affected parties may include: youth and families who are involved in the Division of Youth Corrections system and in the related process of Juvenile Parole; Judicial; law enforcement; and county departments of human and social services.

There are no rules anticipated rules as of November 1, 2015. Changes may occur pursuant to changes in state or federal law and other factors that cannot be fully anticipated. The Department reserves the right to amend this agenda as additional information becomes available.

## **ADOPTION INTERMEDIARY COMMISSION RULE-MAKING**

### ***Rules Concerning the Adoption Intermediary Commission***

An extensive list of individuals and organizations are routinely consulted in the development of rules and in the formal rule-making process. Due to the range of subject matter falling under the purview of the Department, this list is diverse and can change. Affected parties may include: confidential adoption intermediaries; Child Placement Agencies; individuals seeking research into adoption records.

There are no rules anticipated rules as of November 1, 2015. Changes may occur pursuant to changes in state or federal law and other factors that cannot be fully anticipated. The Department reserves the right to amend this agenda as additional information becomes available.

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