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TO: All Stakeholders

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DATE: June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION BRIEF- Adding Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) to the Home and Community Based Services-Supported Living Services waiver, revised draft amendment: Request for Public Comment

Purpose: The Home and Community Based Services-Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waiver amendment to include Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) is being amended from the version that went out for public comment from January 10, 2015 through February 9, 2015. This HCBS-SLS waiver amendment is being revised to include one Financial Management Service (FMS) model, the Fiscal Employer Agency (FEA). This amendment also includes the targeted rate increase to Basic Homemaker Services, effective upon approval of this waiver amendment. Appendix J was revised to reforecast expenditures for the HCBS-SLS waiver. This amended version is being posted for public comment.

Background: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has raised technical concerns about FMS models. One of those models was included in the draft previously released for comment. That model was removed from this draft amendment. This draft amendment includes the Fiscal Employer Agency (FEA) model only.

Information: All comments received regarding the proposed changes to the waiver amendment will be documented verbatim, including transcription of telephone calls, and posted on the Department's website. The Department will provide a written response that addresses all received comments. Submit only new comments; previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted for consideration. The changes to the draft amendment are highlighted in yellow and are inclusive of proposed changes for which public comment was requested in January 2015. Attached is a document summarizing the proposed changes included in the January request for comment and the current request for comment. The draft amendment is not attached to this brief due to its size. The HCBS-SLS waiver amendment can be accessed via the Public Comment web form by [following this link](#): Additional information regarding CDASS in SLS can be found on the [web page for the CDASS in HCBS-SLS Waiver Task Group](#).



Action: Public comment is open from June 24, 2015 through July 31, 2015. A hard copy of the waiver application is available upon request. Comments and any requests for a hard copy of the draft waiver application should be submitted to the Department through the following routes:

Web form: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/form/cdass-sls-public-comment-June-2015>

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Attachment: Summary of 2015 proposed changes to HCBS SLS waiver

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