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**TO:** All Stakeholders

**FROM:** Katie McGuire, Participant Directed Support Specialist

**DATE:** March 30, 2017

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF-1915 (i) State Plan Benefit Amendment: Request for Public Comment

**Purpose:** To inform all stakeholders of the opportunity to provide public comment on an amendment to close the 1915 (i) State Plan Benefit.

**Background:** The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is implementing a Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) delivery option in the Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waiver. Targeted date of implementation is spring 2017. This will be the first expansion of a consumer directed option into waiver services for individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities, removing the need for the 1915 (i) State Plan Benefit.

**Action:** The Department will submit a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the closure of 1915 (i) State Plan Benefit. Targeted date of closure effective July 1, 2017 or upon federal approval. The Department will work with individuals receiving services under the 1915 (i) State Plan Benefit and their case managers to provide options counseling and transition services.

Public comment is open for 60 calendar days from the date of the original notification (March 30, 2017-May 29, 2017 at 11:59PM). Comments may be submitted to the Department through the following routes:

1. Webform: <http://tinyurl.com/l5ampo4>
2. Voicemail: 303-866-6313
3. US Mail: Attention: Katie McGuire, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203
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