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To: All Stakeholders

From: Roberta Aceves, Participant Directed Program Services Specialist
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Date: January 10, 2015

Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF- Request for Public Comment: Task Group Report and Draft Home and Community Based Services-Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waiver amendment

Purpose:

To inform stakeholders of the opportunity to comment on the Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) in the HCBS-SLS waiver Task Group report regarding policy recommendations for the implementation of CDASS in the HCBS-SLS waiver, as well as comment on the changes to the HCBS-SLS waiver which includes the addition of the CDASS service delivery option.

Background:

In order to implement CDASS, the Department solicited stakeholders to participate in a Task Group charged with developing policy recommendations for the implementation of CDASS into the HCBS-SLS waiver.

The CDASS service delivery option aligns with the final recommendations of the Community Living Advisory Group submitted to Governor Hickenlooper in September 2014. The Community Living Advisory Group Report recommends that participants in HCBS waivers have the option to self-direct their services and to control funds used to purchase their supports.

The Department is adding the CDASS service delivery option for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) by adding it to the HCBS-SLS waiver. The CDASS delivery option allows individuals to have greater choice and control over their support by having the ability to manage the budget authority and employer authority.



Procedure:

The recommendations are included in the Task Group report attached to this Communication Brief. All comments regarding the Task Group report and the HCBS-SLS waiver amendment will be considered and implemented or the reason for not implementing will be explained. The Department will create a “Listening Log” to record the comments and the Department’s responses. This Listening Log will be distributed in a Communication Brief to Stakeholders by March 4, 2015.

The Task Group’s recommendations and HCBS-SLS waiver amendment can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/didd-communication>

Action: Public comment is open for 30 calendar days from the date of this notification (January 10, 2015 through February 9, 2015). Comments may be submitted to the Department through the following routes:

1. **Email:** roberta.aceves@state.co.us (subject line: HCBS-SLS CDASS)
2. **Rules Line:** (303) 866-5560
3. **US Mail:** Attention: Roberta Aceves, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203
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Attachments: CDASS in HCBS-SLS Waiver Task Group Report
List of CDASS in SLS Task Group Members
Task Group Meeting summaries for November 2014-
December 2014

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