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**TO:** All Stakeholders

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**DATE:** July 1, 2015

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF- the Home and Community Based Services-  
Children's Extensive Support waiver amendment: Request for Public  
Comment

**Purpose:** To inform all stakeholders of the Home and Community Based Services-Children's Extensive Support (HCBS-CES) waiver amendment. This amendment is necessary due to the recent targeted rate increase to Homemaker (Basic) Service effective upon approval of this waiver amendment. Appendix J was revised to reforecast expenditures for the HCBS-CES waiver. This amended version is being posted for public comment.

**Background:**

Through its passage of Senate Bill 15-234 (the Long Bill) for Fiscal Year 2015-16, the Colorado General Assembly established a minimum rate of \$17.00 per hour for all Personal Care and Homemaker waiver services. Although this Targeted Rate Increase does not apply to the Personal Care and Homemaker (Enhanced) services available in the HCBS-CES waiver because the rates for these services exceed \$17.00 per hour, the legislation results in a change in the method and standard for setting payment rates for services for Homemaker (Basic). This requires a waiver amendment and public notice. The Colorado General Assembly also included a 1.7% across-the-board provider rate increase which will be reflected in the waiver amendment.

**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 summary response that addresses all received comments. The changes to the draft amendment are highlighted in yellow. The draft amendment is not attached to this brief due to its size. The HCBS-CES waiver amendment can be accessed via the Public Comment web form by [following this link](#). Additional information regarding the HCBS-CES waiver can be found on the Program Page by [opening this link](#).



**Action:** Public comment is open from July 1, 2015 through 11:59 p.m. 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/CES-Public-Comment-TRI-ATB-FY2015-16>

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