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TO: Community Centered Board Executive Directors
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SUBJECT: Implementation of House Bill 14-1368 – Transition of Youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Purpose:

The purpose of this Communication Brief is to inform the Community Centered Boards (CCBs) and Stakeholders of the processes associated with the passage of House Bill (HB) 14-1368.

Background:

In Fiscal Year 2013, the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (the Division) and the Division for Child Welfare (DCW) with the Department of Human Services began a collaborative process to systematically examine barriers that impede a youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities who is in the Child Welfare system from developing quality and permanent bonds with families. Staff from both Divisions partnered with county departments of social and human services (County DHS) to participate in fourteen Permanency Round Table meetings in order to better identify barriers to permanency.

On May 31, 2014 Governor Hickenlooper signed HB 14-1368 into law. This legislation reduces the transition age for youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities from age 21 to age 18. The legislation requires all eligible youth who were 19 or 20 years old by June 30, 2014 and those who will be 18 years of age between June 30, 2014 and January 1, 2015 to transition to adult developmental disability services by January 1, 2016 when it is in the best interest of the youth.

Procedure or Information:

The Division will notify CCBs of the names of the youth who are prioritized for enrollment into the adult developmental disabilities system. Youth who are prioritized for enrollment from the Child Welfare system may enroll in either the Home and Community Based Services-Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver or the Home and Community Based Services-Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waiver.

The CCB case manager will be part of an interdisciplinary team comprised of the youth and the family (as appropriate), Child Welfare case worker, school personnel, guardian ad litem, court appointed special advocate and potential adult guardian. It is the responsibility of the interdisciplinary team to develop a transition plan and determine when it is in the best interest of the youth to transition the youth to adult developmental disabilities services.

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