

Community First Choice Policy Statement

The Community First Choice (CFC) option is an effective solution to ensure clients have access to personal assistance services and greater control over those services. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing supports CFC, and over the past year, has worked intensively with clients and stakeholders to define and assess how CFC could be implemented within Colorado. We are now moving into the next phase of CFC which includes finalizing CFC services, analyzing the cost of those services, and developing a more detailed implementation and operations plan. For the Community First Choice program to succeed, it must be implemented and operationalized in a high quality and rigorous manner. Thoughtful and appropriate implementation will avoid service disruptions for more than 30,000 clients, families and providers. CFC is an ambitious and groundbreaking undertaking, it represents restructuring multiple programs that have real impacts on people's lives. As a department, we want to ensure that it is implemented well.

We are committed to continuing our work through existing stakeholder processes, to expand consumer directed services, and to develop plans that address the significant policy, financial and operational complexities to implementation which are identified in the CFC feasibility study. This study includes an in-depth fiscal analysis. Making operational and regulatory changes of this magnitude is a multi-year process.

More information on the CFC Council and feasibility study is available on the CFC Council web page. Martha Beavers serves as the CFC contact for the state and can be reached at martha.beavers@state.co.us or (303) 866-3998.



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