

# *Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Waiver Benefits Collaborative*

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# *Our Mission*

**Improving** health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**



# *What is the Benefits Collaborative Process?*



# Purpose

## Why do we need Benefits Collaborative?

- Clearly define the sufficient amount, scope and duration of Colorado's Medicaid covered services.
- Ensure covered services are evidence-based and guided by best practices.
- Develop working relationships and collaborate with stakeholders.



*What's My Role Here  
Today ?*

*How Do I Participate?*



# Your Role

## Participants Are Consultants

Your role is to provide suggestions for policy improvement based on:

- Evidence based research and data
- Peer reviewed literature
- Knowledge of the population we serve



# Guiding Principles

## Policy Suggestions Adopted Will:

- Be guided by recent clinical research and evidence based best practices, wherever possible.
- Be cost effective and establish reasonable limits upon services.
- Promote the health and functioning of Medicaid clients.



# Our Role

- To seek out the feedback of the population we serve and those that support them.
- To implement suggested improvements that meet the collaborative's guiding principles.
- To foster understanding in the community about how policy is developing, and why.



# Ground Rules

## Participants Are Asked To:

- Mind E-manners
- Identify Yourself
- Speak Up Here & Share The Air
- Listen for Understanding
- Stay Solution Focused
- Stay Scope Focused



# *CHRP Expansion*

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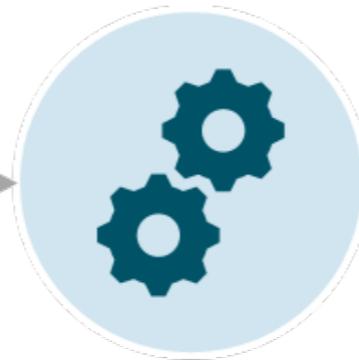
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# Office of Community Living Vision



## ***ACCESS***

*Streamline Access  
to Services*



## ***COORDINATE***

*Improve Service  
Coordination*



## ***RECEIVE***

*Increase Service  
Options and Quality*

# The Why

1. Children in Colorado with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and complex behavioral needs must be served better.

Presently, children are:

- Being sent out of state
- Served in intensive hospital settings
- Served by the child welfare system, when the presenting need is not an abusive or neglectful situation.



# The What

2. The Department received the authority through HB 18-1328 to expand the CHRP waiver to better serve these children.

Modifications will include:

- Removal of requirement that the child be in foster care.
- Transfer of administration of the CHRP waiver from the CDHS to the Department.
- Transfer of case management from child welfare agencies to Case Management Agencies (specifically Community Centered Boards-CCBs).
- Addition of two services to the waiver to mitigate the need for an out of home placement and facilitate returns to the home once stabilized.



# The What

## CHRP Today

Requires families to relinquish custody of their child

Case management not specialized for children with IDD

Requires out of home placement

Child Welfare-DHS

Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

## CHRP Future

Does not require families to relinquish custody of the child

Case management specialized in IDD (Community Centered Boards and Case Management Agencies)

Residential out-of-home, in-home, and transition services

Serves all children in abusive or neglectful situations

Case management specialized in child welfare (Counties)

Residential out-of-home services

Child Welfare-DHS



# The How and The When

1. Engage stakeholders on new benefits  
August-January 2019

2. Renew the waiver with CMS  
February-June 2019

3. Promulgate rules and regulations  
February-June 2019

4. Training on expanded CHRP waiver  
April-June 2019

5. Transition to expanded CHRP waiver  
February-June 2019



# Eligibility

## Expected Eligibility Requirements:

1. Children who have been diagnosed with an intellectual and/or developmental disability
2. Who meet the financial eligibility requirements
3. Children with complex behavioral needs, who are at-risk of out of home placement due to these complex behavior
4. *All children who meet these qualification regardless of child-welfare involvement*



# Determination of Complex Behavioral Support Needs Criteria

## ICAP

- Current support need tool
- Could this be used to determine to determine complex behavior support needs?

## Colorado's New HCBS Assessment Tool

- Single standardized assessment tool across all HCBS waivers
- Has skip patterns for children
- Evaluates psychosocial elements of a child's life
- Evaluates caregiver well-being



# Crisis Definition

Crisis is an event or events of greater than normal severity that becomes outside the manageable range for the child/youth and/or their caregivers and poses a danger to self, family, community. Crisis may be self-identified, family identified, and/or identified by an outside party.



# The Benefits

## Intensive In-Home Therapeutic Support

The In-Home Therapeutic Support service includes strategies to support the child/youth and family to prevent the need for out of home placement prior to or during a crisis.

- Identify unique strengths, abilities, preferences, desires, needs, expectations, and goals of the child/youth and family.
- Include an assessment of crisis contributing factors.
- Identify and connect to services and supports needed.



# Crisis Assessment Analysis

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)  
assessment tool

Is validated for use:

- During and outside of crisis
- For children with I/DD
- To evaluate family members' trauma and stress
- To evaluate at-risk of out-of-home placement

Furthermore, is:

- Is trauma-informed
- Non-proprietary
- Composed of modules that may be purchased and used in adjunct with CO's  
New HCBS Assessment Tool



# The Benefits

## Intensive In-Home Therapeutic Support

- Crisis Mitigation Plan
- In-Home Support
- Prevention and Monitoring



# Provider Qualification Analysis

**Wraparound** – an evidenced-based and nationally recognized process of intensive, individualized care planning and management process for children and adolescents with complex behavioral needs.

**START (Systematic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources and Treatment)** - is a comprehensive model of service supports that optimizes independence, treatment, and community living for individuals with IDD and behavioral health needs.

**Professional Crisis Management** – nonviolent crisis intervention, aimed at reducing crises by equipping staff with skills to defuse complex behaviors during times of crises.



# The Benefits

## Intensive In-Home Therapeutic Support

### Provider Qualifications

- Crisis Prevention Coordinator
- Direct Support Professional



# The Benefits

## Intensive Therapeutic Transition Support

The Intensive Therapeutic Transition Support service includes strategies to support the child/youth and family when a child/youth transitions back to the family home from out of home placement.

- Identify unique strengths, abilities, preferences, desires, needs, expectations, and goals of child/youth and family.
- Include an assessment of risk and crisis mitigation contributing factors.
- Identify and connect to services and support needs.



# The Benefits

## Intensive Therapeutic Transition Support

- Risk and Crisis Mitigation Plan
- In-Home Support
- Prevention and Monitoring



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# Questions for this group

- Do we need to further define predictive and increased risk factors in the coverage standard and/or rule?
- Thoughts on the name of the services, service components?
- Thoughts on the title “Crisis Prevention Coordinator”?



# Questions for this group

- Is further clarification needed on how the Crisis Prevention Coordinator is different from the case manager?
- Is further clarification needed on how the proposed two new benefits are different from behavioral services?
- Transition from child to adult services- is there anything we need to consider at is pertains to the proposed two new benefits?



# *Thank you!*

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