

# *Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) Waiver Parental Fees Implementation*

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# *Our Mission*

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



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# *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



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# *Today's Purpose*

- To discuss the topics and feedback that the Department has heard regarding implementation of Parental Fees within the CHCBS waiver
- To discuss the next steps for this project



# *Top Feedback Topics*

- Concerns for losing waiver services due to Buy-In eligibility
- Concerns that fees were too high
- Questions about the calculation of household income
- Other Policy Questions

# Where We Are



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# *Project Progress*

- May 2018 - Budget Request R-8 was included in the FY 18-19 Budget
- Department staff have worked to develop and adjust a fee scale for participants in the CHCBS waiver
- Stakeholder meetings held in October & November to inform the fee scale
- Legal Guidance has been received to answer Stakeholder Questions/Concerns
- Fee Scale will be presented to the CO Legislature for approval during this session



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# Concerns of Losing Waiver Services due to Buy-In Eligibility



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# *Explanation of Legal Guidance*

- Determined that the “otherwise eligible” language from regulation is problematic
- Recommended changing the regulation to be “is not enrolled in other Medicaid waiver programs”
- Even if a family’s income makes a child eligible for the Buy-In program (or other eligibility groups), the child can still access the CHCBS waiver



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# *What does this mean?*

- Children in households below 300% of FPL are able to access the CHCBS waiver and the related services
- The Department will be adjusting the CHCBS regulations in the future
- The proposed fee scale is being adjusted to ensure equity/consistently with the Children's Buy-In program



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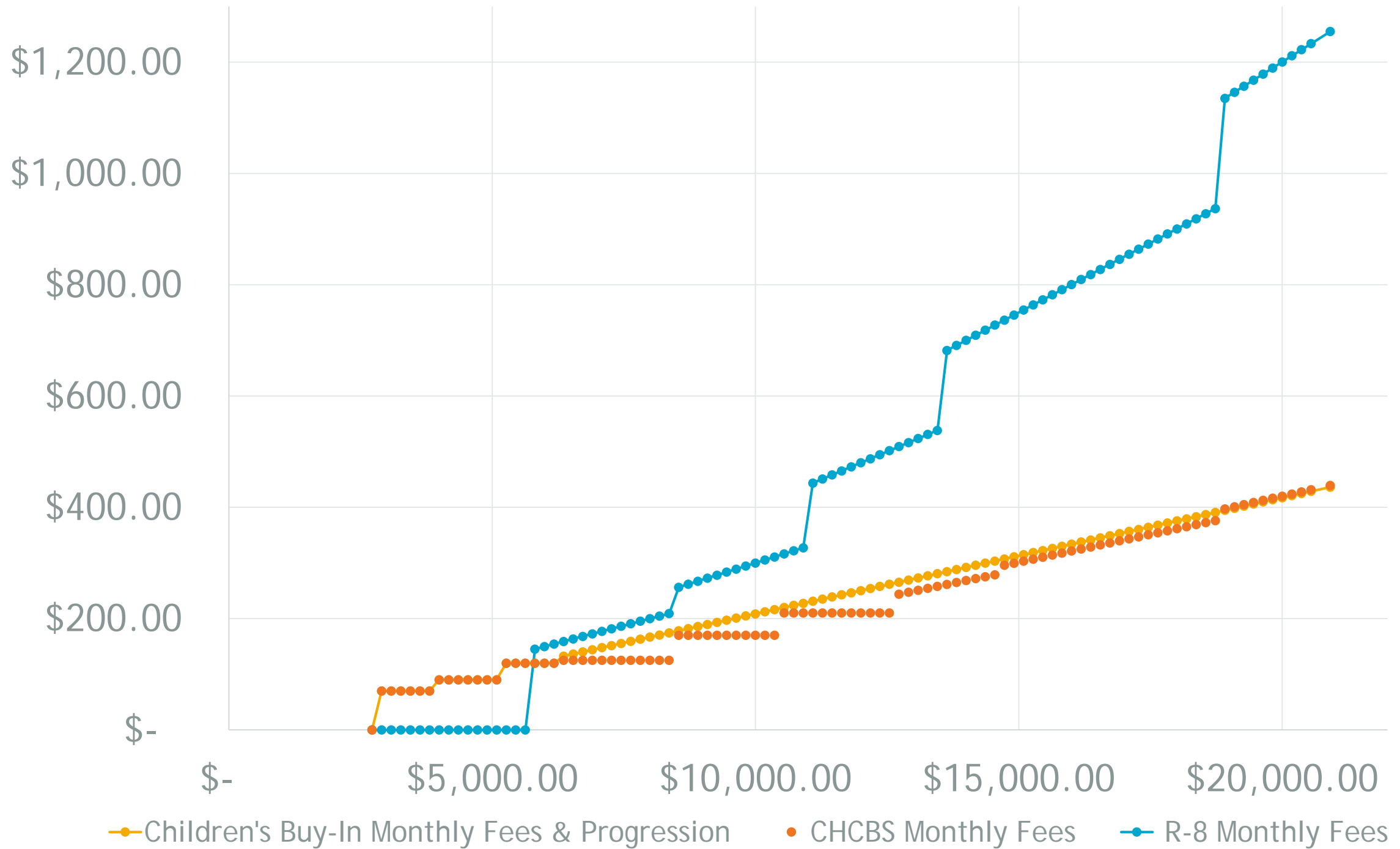
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# CHCBS Parental Fees Progression - Monthly\*



\* Assumes a family of 4



# Children's Buy-In Scale

Tier	Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Monthly Income for a Family of 4	You Pay Each Month
1	0%-133%	\$0-\$2,782	\$0
2	134%-185%	\$2,783-\$3,870	\$70
3	186%-250%	\$3,871-\$5,230	\$90
4	251%-300%	\$5,231-\$6,275	\$120





# DRAFT CHCBS Fee Scale

Tier	Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Monthly Income for a Family of 4	You Pay Each Month
5	300.1%-400%	\$6,277-\$8,366	\$125
6	400.1%-500%	\$8,368-\$10,458	\$170
7	500.1%-600%	\$10,460-\$12,550	\$210
8	600.1%-700%	\$12,552-14,641	1.92% (\$240-\$280)
9	700.1-900%	\$14,643-\$18,825	2.0% (\$294-\$378)
10	900.1+%	Over \$18,827	2.1% (\$395+)



# How Household Income will be Calculated



# *Household Income Calculation*

- The income calculations for a household will follow those for the Children's Buy-In program to determine fees:
  - MAGI Household Requirements (8.100.4.E)
    - Example: Tax Filer, Spouse, and Tax Filer's Dependents
  - Income Requirements (8.100.5.F)
    - Earned Income (Wages, payments for services, certain royalties)
    - Unearned Income (death benefits, prizes, gifts, etc.)
  - Income Exemptions (8.100.5.F.6)
    - Declared Loans

Rules cited on this page can be found on the [Secretary of State's website](#).



# Income Calculation Example

Example:

A family of 4, where one parent is employed and one child is eligible for the CHCBS waiver.

	Disregards	Updated Income
1. Annual Gross Income (Income of all household members)		\$100,000
2. \$90 income disregard for each employed household member	$\$90 \times 1 = \$90$	\$99,910
3. Household Income adjustment (67%)	$\$99,910 * 33\% =$ $\$32,970.30$	\$66,939.70

A family of 4 with a modified income of \$66,939.70 would have a FPL of 266%

This family would pay a monthly fee of \$120



# Other Policy Questions





# *Other Policy Questions*

- If there are multiple children in a home, do we have to pay the fee for each child?
  - If there are multiple children in one household, the monthly fee will be the amount due for one child (Follows Buy-In rule at : 10 CCR 8.100.6.Q.1.f)
  - This rule can be found on the [Secretary of State's website](#).
- Does my income from caring for my child count toward income?
  - Likely - If your child receives the Long Term Home Health state plan benefit.
  - Not Likely - If your child receives the IHSS waiver benefit.
  - The IRS has posted a [FAQ about this policy](#).



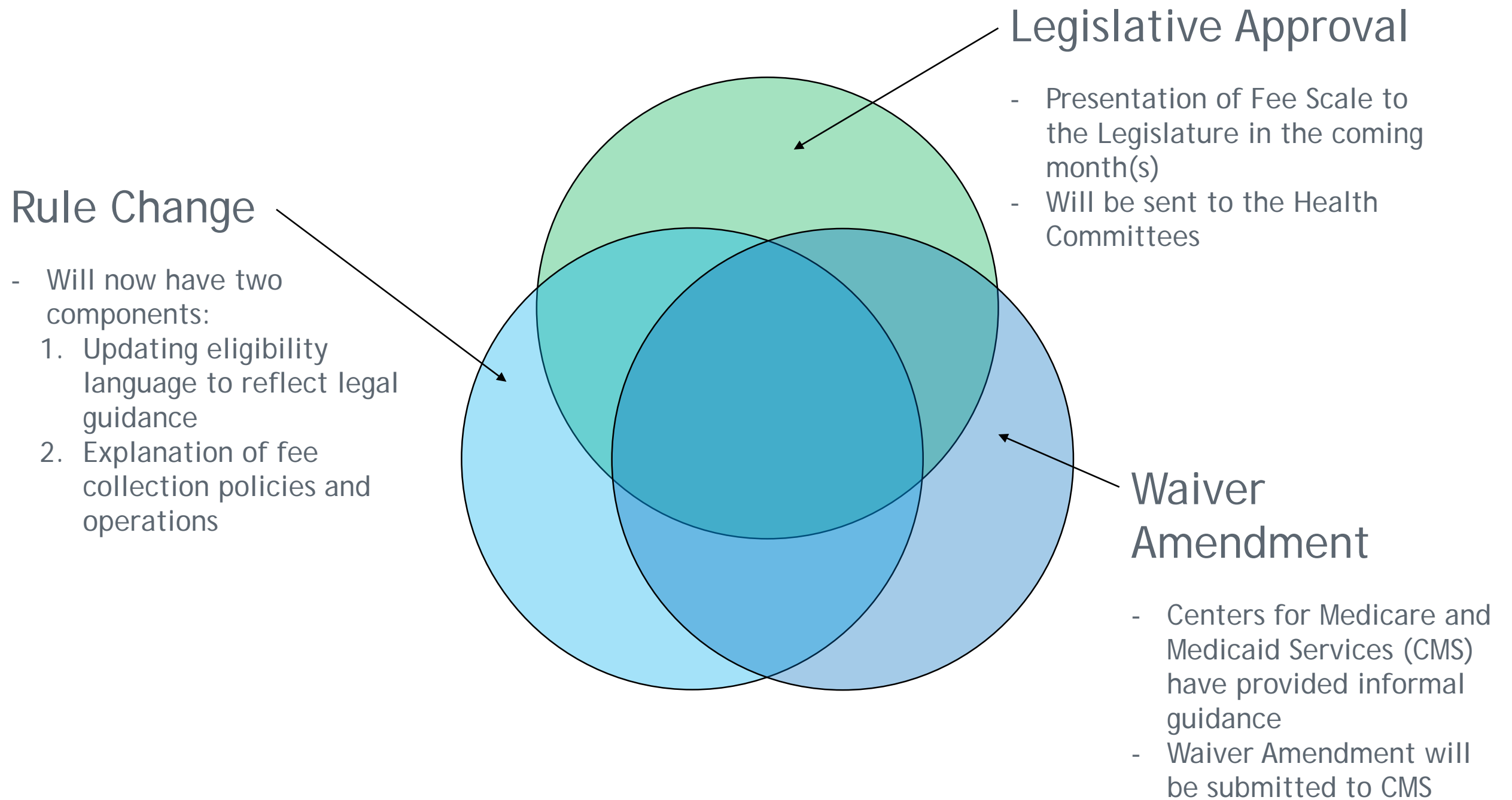
# Next Steps



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# Policy Changes Needed



# *Reminder*

- Health Insurance Buy-In (HIBI) provides monthly payments for all or a portion of a members' commercial health insurance premiums
- A child's portion of a family's commercial health insurance may be reimbursed, if the child is determined eligible.
- Households can apply for HIBI here:  
[www.mycohibi.com/forms](http://www.mycohibi.com/forms)



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# *Timeline*

- Ongoing: Stakeholder Engagement
- 2019 Legislative Session: General Assembly approval of Fee Scales
- December 2018-August 2019:
  - System(s) Changes Developed
  - Vendors Acquired for Collection of Fee Payments
- May-October 2019: Waiver Amendment & Rulemaking
- October 2019: Parental Fees Implemented



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# *Questions and Comments*



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CHCBS Parental Fees webpage:  
[www.colorado.gov/hcpf/CHCBS-parental-fees](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/CHCBS-parental-fees)

Questions & Concerns can also be submitted to:  
[hcbswaivers@state.co.us](mailto:hcbswaivers@state.co.us)



*Thank You!*



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