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**To:** All Stakeholders

**From:** Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
Aging & Disability Resources of Colorado (ADRC) and No Wrong Door (NWD) Funding Efforts

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Communication Brief issued to Office of Community Living Stakeholders is to explain the differences between the ADRC and NWD efforts to obtain federal funding.

**Information:**

*ADRC:* Approximately two years ago, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) and the Colorado Department of Human Services' (CDHS) State Unit on Aging (SUA) began discussions with Colorado's 16 Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado (ADRCs) to explore the possibility of receiving a federal match for eligible Medicaid-related activities that they perform. The objective of this work is to help the ADRCs obtain additional funding to provide services to older adults and people with disabilities. In 2017, the Colorado legislature approved CDHS' request to use \$500,000, in existing state funding to draw-down a potential federal match of up to the same amount.

More information about ADRC funding can be found on the federal Medicaid website at:  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/finance/admin-claiming/index.html>

*NWD:* In summer 2017, Colorado launched four regional No Wrong Door (NWD) pilot sites to test a model for streamlining access to long-term services and supports (LTSS). Pilot sites consist of various agencies across the state. The Department commissioned the Center on Network Science at the University of Colorado-Denver to estimate the time and money spent on NWD activities. The report from the Center on Network Science will inform the Department if there are NWD activities that may be eligible for a federal match.

The objective of both these efforts are to maximize funding agencies currently receive to support older adults and people with disabilities. A key difference between the two efforts: the ADRC



effort aims to obtain a federal match in the immediate future, whereas the NWD effort aims to inform how the Departments may be able to obtain a federal match at a later point in time.

Additional information about NWD can be found on the Department's No Wrong Door Implementation Grant webpage at: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/no-wrong-door-implementation-grant>.

**Attachment(s):** None

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