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**To:** All Stakeholders

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**Date:** January 24, 2018

**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
HCBS Waiver Renewals – Public Comment Opportunity  
January 25, 2018 – February 24, 2018

### Background

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is submitting waiver renewals to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Children's Home and Community Based Services (CHCBS) waiver, the Elderly, Blind, or Disabled (EBD) waiver, and the waiver for individuals with a Brain Injury (BI). In order to continue the HCBS waiver programs, waiver renewals are required every five years by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to determine that while in effect, the Department has satisfactorily met the waiver assurances and other Federal requirements. The Department has asked for an effective date of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for all three renewals.

The Department is submitting an amendment for the individuals with a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) waiver to increase the unduplicated client count projections to account for program growth. The Department has asked for a retroactive effective date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for the amendment. Please see the attached Waiver Renewal and Amendment Fact Sheet for more information about the renewals, amendment, and public comment opportunity.

### Public Comment Opportunity

Please go to the Department's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> to view the full draft waivers. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling Sarah Hoerle at (303) 866-6113 or by writing or visiting the Department at 1570 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203.



To provide public comment or request a paper or electronic copy of any materials, please contact [LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us](mailto:LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us); submitted by phone at (303) 866-6113; submitted by fax at (303) 866-2786 ATTN: HCBS Waiver Renewals and Amendment; or in-person at 1570 Grant Street, Denver CO 80203.

**Please note that Public Comments will be accepted from January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

