

Community Living Office  
1570 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203

**TO:** Stakeholders

**FROM:** Katie McGuire, Participant Directed Support Specialist

**DATE:** October 11, 2017

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF – Update on CDASS implementation into HCBS-SLS

**Purpose:** To inform Stakeholders of the progress to implement Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) into the Home and Community Based Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waiver.

**Background:** The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is continuing work to implement CDASS into the HCBS-SLS waiver. Once implemented, CDASS will allow Personal Care, Homemaker, and Enhanced Homemaker services to be self-directed as well as a new service, Health Maintenance. Health Maintenance can be utilized by individuals choosing the CDASS delivery option and will not impact a participant's Service Plan Authorization Limit (SPAL).

**Action:** The Department is working to update our internal systems to support offering CDASS in the HCBS-SLS waiver. The Department's contracted Financial Management Service (FMS) vendors are also in the process of completing enhancements to their systems.

The following functions require updates in multiple systems:

- Create new codes for services and billing.
- Allow the case manager to accurately calculate allocations for services.
- Support claims submitted for proper and timely payment.
- Ensure Health Maintenance service allocation does not impact the participant's SPAL.
- Enable services to be revised if support needs or services change.

The Department is committed to the expansion of CDASS as an option for the HCBS-SLS waiver participants. Implementation prior to a fully functional system increases risks for system errors that may negatively impact clients' services. Once the Department can identify a date for implementation, the information will be communicated to stakeholders through a Communication Brief.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact Katie McGuire, contact information below.

**Contact Information:** Katie McGuire, Participant Directed Support Specialist

**Email/Telephone:** [Katherine.McGuire@state.co.us](mailto:Katherine.McGuire@state.co.us) / (303) 866-6313