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**To:** All Stakeholders

**From:** Brittani Trujillo, Case Management Services Coordinator

**Date:** March 6, 2017

**Subject:** REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING SIS-A  
Notice of Rule Change: Updating the Support Level algorithm to reflect changes in the SIS-A Assessment Tool and removing Support Level Review Panels.

### **Purpose:**

To inform Stakeholders and request public comment about proposed changes to the Support Level algorithm at 10 CCR 2505-10, 8.612.3, to align with changes made in the new Supports Intensity Scale-A (SIS-A) Assessment Tool. This change is necessary to remain consistent with the latest version of the SIS-A. In addition, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is removing the requirement for a Support Level Review Panel, (10 CCR 2505-10, 8.612.4). These proposed changes will not affect any current support levels.

### **Background:**

The authors of the SIS, American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), updated the SIS assessment by reordering sections within the SIS to better reflect the flow in which SIS Interviewers ask questions. The new SIS-A has moved the exceptional medical and exceptional behavioral questions from section three (3) A and B to section one (1) A and B, respectively. All other sections have been moved accordingly, in numerical order from two (2) A through F, and section four (4).

Since the Department began using the SIS assessment, the Department has also used an exceptions process for Support Levels, to ensure that individual's needs are being met. The Department uses a Support Level Review process, which includes the use of a panel to review all requests for an increase in an individual's Support Level. The Department is removing the requirement for the panel, so that the Department's HCBS Assessment and Support Plan Coordinator is responsible for the review of all Support Level request increases.



**Procedure or Information:**

All comments received regarding the proposed changes to the rules will be documented verbatim, including transcription of telephone calls, and posted on the Department’s website. The Department will provide a written response that addresses all received comments distributed in a Communication Brief.

**Action:**

Public comment is open for a total of 30 calendar days from the date of the original notification (March 6 2017, 2016 through April 5, 2017 at 11:59PM). Comments can be submitted to the Attention of James Ruden, Policy Analyst, at the Department through the following routes:

- 1. Webform: <https://tinyurl.com/glvoout>
- 2. Rules Line: 720-449-2291
- 4. US Mail: 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203
- 5. Fax: 303-866-4411

**Attachment:** Draft Rules

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