Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
Draft Timeline for Community First Choice (CFC)
April 2017

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Date	Items/Actions
	= Contractor May Be Needed
Feb-17	**CFC Council Meeting**
Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17	**Determine Service Package** This needs to include looking at CCT services and whether they will fit into Waiver Re-Design.
Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17	**Waiver Re-Design:** Determine which waivers need to be merged for waiver simplification cuncrrently with what CFC Service Package may look like.
Nov-17 Dec-17	**Find Bill Sponsors for CFC for 2018?**
Jan-18	**Draft Bill Language** Start determining what language may be in a Bill.
Feb-18	**Introduce CFC for 2018 Legislative Session**
Mar-18 Apr-18 May-18 Jun-18	**Develop Quality Measures** Work closely with the Quality division and quality sections in LTSS and DIDD waiver programs to create quality measures for CFC. We will utilize TA from CMS on developing these as well as working with other states on what has worked and what hasn't.
Jul-18 Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Incorporate changes into Vital** We anticipate that there will be considerable system changes needed as the new management tool, Vital, will have to be altered to include this new assessment tool. We would also need it to track the data of new clients, maintain case management records for CFC services and house the care plan and/or person centered budgets for each person.
Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18	**Amend Waivers for Redesign** We will need to amend our waivers, our services projections, etc. in order to implement CFC and redesign our waiver programs. This process may start before September but this is the latest we would like to begin
Jan-19	**Public Comment for Amendments**
Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Waiver Amendments to CMS**
Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19 Dec-19	
Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20	**Message to Clients on CFC** We will want to start to message to clients that they will be having an assessment for this new program at their annual recertification and also to let them know about any changes that may occur with this transition.
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Jul-18 Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Draft Service Definitions** Work with CFC council, waiver managers, and community managers on drafting the new service definitions. This process will take roughly more than a year to complete in a systematic manner.
Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18	**Public Comment for SPA** We will submit our SPA for public comment between this time in order to determine changes that need to be made before submitting it to CMS
Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Submit SPA to CMS**
Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19 Dec-19	**Rules to MSB**
Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20	**Receive Approval for SPA**
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Jul-18 Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18	**Provider Requirements** During the same period as we develop the services definitions, we will also be working with the same group, including providers, on provider requirements for the services. We will, at this time, also look at the rate for these services.
Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Develop Training for Attendants**
Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19 Oct-19 Nov-19 Dec-19	**Respond to CMS Questions**
Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20	**Train Eligiblity Sites** We will need to train eligibility sites on this new program and how to assess someone's financial eligibility. We will also train them on how to outreach to new Medicaid clients about this program.
Jul-20 Aug-20 Sep-20 Oct-20 Nov-20 Dec-20	**Implement Program** CMS to approve the SPA for CFC in Colorado

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Jul-18 Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Develop Assessment Tool** The development of the assessment tool as already begun, however, after legislation is passed on CFC, we will work with a contractor to incorporate the new services, LOC requirements, and the financial eligiblity requirements. We will also need to make sure that this tool accomplished service budgets, if that is what the Department determines is necessary to keep this program budget neutral.
Jul-18 Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19	**Write Rules for Services**
Jul-20 Aug-20 Sep-20 Oct-20 Nov-20 Dec-20	**Assessment of New and Existing Clients** Case managers would need to be trained on both the new state plan option and how to evaluate new and existing clients with the new assessment tool. This procees could occur at the time of the current client's annual stay review. however, there may be considerable uptake of new clients who are not currently receiving waiver services. This evaluation and reassessment period will take at minimum one year and at a maximum 18 months, depending on caseloads of CMA.