



## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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Dear CDASS Clients,

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is announcing three upcoming changes to the Financial Management Services (FMS) within Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS).

Starting January 1, 2015:

- You will have a choice between three FMS agencies;
- You will have a choice between two FMS employer models; and,
- You will have access to a new CDASS Training and Operations agency.

### Choice of FMS Agencies

Beginning January 1, 2015, you can select from one of three FMS agencies to support you in CDASS. The following FMS agencies will be available in Colorado:

- ACES\$ Financial Management Services – [www.MyCIL.org](http://www.MyCIL.org)
- Morning Star Financial Services – [www.morningstarfs.com](http://www.morningstarfs.com)
- Public Partnerships, LLC – [www.publicpartnerships.com](http://www.publicpartnerships.com)

You will receive additional information about each of these agencies to help you decide with which agency you want to work.

### FMS Models

As a CDASS client, you currently use the Agency with Choice (AwC) FMS employer model. Beginning January 1, 2015, you can choose the AwC model or the Fiscal Employer Agent (F/EA) model. Please see the attached document entitled *FMS Employer Models in CDASS* for more information about both models.

### Training and Operations

A CDASS Training and Operations agency will be available to you for training and customer service needs. You will not need to complete the CDASS training again, but the CDASS Training and Operations agency will be available in the event you request additional training. The Training and Operations agency will also provide training on CDASS and In-Home Support Services (IHSS) to case managers.

### What do I need to do?

There are a few things that you need to do to prepare for this change.

1. You must choose an FMS agency and employer model by December 1, 2014. This will give the FMS agency time to get your information and your attendant's information into their payroll systems by January 1, 2015. If you wish to remain with PPL, you still need to select the FMS employer model and inform your case manager.
2. You should notify your attendants as soon as possible of the upcoming changes to the FMS. Attendants will need to complete new hire paperwork by December 1, 2014, if you choose a different FMS.
3. After January 1, 2015, you can change FMS agencies and employer model if you are not satisfied with your selection. The first open enrollment period will be from January 1 through June 30, 2015. After June 30, 2015, you will only be able to change FMS agencies and employer models during the designated annual open enrollment period.

You will receive additional information about this change over the next couple of months. In the meantime, please contact your case manager if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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