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**To:** All Stakeholders

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**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
Announce statewide Regional Forum Meetings for stakeholders to provide input on a needs assessment tool for all individuals receiving Long Term Services and Supports

**Purpose:** To inform individuals receiving Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), legal guardians, families, case managers, advocates, service providers and other stakeholders of upcoming Regional Forum Meetings where attendees can provide input about a new needs assessment tool.

**Background:** Through the passage of Senate Bill 16-192, the Colorado General Assembly directed the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) to develop or select a needs assessment tool for all persons receiving LTSS, including persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). In addition, legislation requires the Department to make the selection of a needs assessment tool in collaboration with persons with I/DD who receive services, legal guardians, case managers, and any other stakeholders as determined by the state department.

Since March 2014, the Department has worked in collaboration with stakeholders to review Colorado's current LTSS eligibility determination and assessment tools and processes. In addition to the review, the Department and stakeholders have selected and customized new tools for eligibility determination and needs assessment for all individuals in need of or receiving LTSS.

**Information:** In order to comply with legislation, the Department has established 7 Regional Forum Meetings and a statewide webinar for the Department to present the work completed to date and obtain feedback from all stakeholders regarding the eligibility determination and needs assessment tools selected. The Regional Forum Meetings will provide an opportunity for



needed collaboration across stakeholder communities. Additional information on work to date can be found at [Colorado Assessment](#).

**Attachments:** Regional Forum Meeting Schedule

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