



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) is working with Schramm Health Partners, LLC dba 'Optumas' to develop a Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) for Health First Colorado Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs. The Department and Optumas are hosting a series of Statewide Forums for all interested stakeholders to learn more about the PCBA and provide feedback during the development and implementation process. Stakeholders who may have interest in this work may include members receiving HCBS, their families, advocates, HCBS providers, and case managers.

### **Information:**

The Department is working with Optumas to develop a Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) for Health First Colorado Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs.

Since 2014, the Department has collaborated with stakeholders to develop new processes for eligibility determinations, needs assessments, and support planning for all

individuals seeking or receiving Long-Term Services and Supports<sup>1</sup>. The Department would like to engage stakeholders in the next component of this work.

As part of the new assessment and person-centered support planning process, the PCBA will help identify the right amount of support for members based on assessed need and, together with strengths, preferences and personal goals identified during the assessment, contribute to a person-centered support plan. The PCBA will be an important component of the person-centered support planning process to ensure a consistent, objective, and transparent method for assigning budgets for all individuals receiving HCBS.

The Department and Optumas recognize that transparency and stakeholder feedback are essential to developing the PCBA and will be hosting a series of Statewide Forums over the next year (virtually for now, due to COVID-19). These forums are intended to gather feedback on the development of the PCBA from a broad range of stakeholders. Both the Department and Optumas consider stakeholder feedback to be a critical part of the PCBA development and urge stakeholders to attend meetings when possible.

The tentative meeting schedule is below. For each Statewide Forum, there will be two meetings to provide options for people to attend. The information shared will be the same for both meetings. The first set of meetings will be held on September 10, 2020.

**Meeting Schedule** (*dates are tentative and subject to change*):

- **Statewide Forum 1**
  - **Thursday, September 10, 2020**
    - **Session One: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
      - Join the meeting using your **computer**:  
<https://cohcpf.adobeconnect.com/r9i058tnu44x/>
      - Join the meeting using your **phone**:  
Local: 720-279-0026 / Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831  
Participant Code: 982280#
    - **Session Two: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
      - Join the meeting using your **computer**:  
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<sup>1</sup> See more information at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/colorados-ltss-assessment-and-supportplan>.

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Both sessions will have live captions will be provided for those who are hearing impaired.

Reasonable accommodations for the meetings will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. Please contact 504/ ADA Coordinator at [hcpf504ada@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf504ada@state.co.us) at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting if you need accommodations.

- **Statewide Forum 2**
  - Monday, November 16, 2020
- **Statewide Forum 3**
  - Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- **Statewide Forum 4**
  - Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Details about future meeting times and how to join the meetings, agendas, presentation materials, and summary notes from the Statewide Forums will be uploaded on the [PCBA webpage](#) as they become available. We will also be sending email reminders as the meetings get closer through Constant Contact.

The Department is looking forward to hearing from as many stakeholders as possible. If you have questions, please reach out to Tasia Sinn at [tasia.sinn@state.co.us](mailto:tasia.sinn@state.co.us).

**Attachment(s):**

[Person-Centered Budget Algorithm \(PCBA\) Webpage](#)

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