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TO Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative

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DATE September 23, 2013

SUBJECT Recommendation Response – Implementing CDASS in the SLS and CES
Waivers

The Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and Human Services (DHS) are in receipt of the formal recommendation submitted by the Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative (PDPPC) to amend the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers for Supported Living Services (SLS) and Children's Extensive Supports (CES). Below are the responses to the recommendations:

Response for HCBS-CES

Barbara Ramsey, Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division for Developmental Disabilities (DHS/DDD) is responding on behalf of Reggie Bicha, Executive Director, Department of Human Services. The DHS/DDD is committed to supporting children with extensive needs so that children may live at home among family and friends in the community. As referenced in the PDPPC's recommendation, analysis of new options for Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) in the HCBS-CES waiver has not been started so information needed to add it to the waiver renewal is not yet developed. DHS/DDD will continue participating with HCPF and stakeholders in the Participant Directed Program Policy Collaborative (PDPPC) meetings to analyze and develop recommendations for adding CDASS to the HCBS-CES waiver. At the time services and costs are analyzed, adequate funding for projected costs is identified, and the PDPPC recommendations for CDASS are approved by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, CDASS can be expanded to the HCBS-CES waiver. The DHS/DDD will continue its collaboration with the PDPPC to plan for expanding the CDASS model into the HCBS-SLS waiver.

Response for HCBS-SLS

Barbara Ramsey, Director of the Division for Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is responding on behalf of Reggie Bicha, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS).

CDHS/DDD is committed to supporting individuals to live everyday lives in the community including adding Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) to the Home and Community Based Services waiver for Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS). DHS/DDD participates with HCPF and stakeholders in the Participant Directed Program Policy Collaborative (PDPPC), which meets monthly to discuss consumer direction policies.

An issue under discussion at the PDPPC is related to the current funding for HCBS-SLS, which is not sufficient to cover the projected cost for the Financial Management Services (FMS) needed for CDASS. The DHS/DDD is currently working with HCPF and the PDPPC to identify alternatives to the current process, including work to develop the Request for Information and Request for Proposal for the new FMS contract that will be effective January 1, 2015.

On August 22, 2013, Barbara Ramsey met with Mary Colecchi, PDPPC Chair, and other members of the PDPPC to discuss the financing issue and develop next steps to add CDASS to the HCBS-SLS waiver. Members of the PDPPC presented questions related to the financing structure for CDASS and how it relates to the HCBS-SLS waiver budget. In order to help develop the best knowledge base for PDPPC from which to make decisions and recommendations for implementing CDASS in HCBS-SLS, DHS/DDD commits to the following activities and timelines:

1. Present the FMS financing methodology at the October 2013 meeting of the PDPPC
2. Present cost projection data to illustrate the funding impact at the October 2013 meeting of the PDPPC
3. Develop and provide a Communication Brief to stakeholders to let them know the status of the work to add CDASS to the HCBS-SLS waiver in October, 2013. Present this Communication Brief to the PDPPC and Advocates Communication meetings in October, as well as post on both Departments' websites

At the time funding issues are resolved, and the PDPPC recommendations for CDASS are approved by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), CDASS can be expanded into the SLS waiver. The DHS/DDD will continue its collaboration with the PDPPC to plan for expanding the CDASS model into the HCBS-SLS waiver.

The Department appreciates the support of the PDPPC in making CDASS a viable service delivery option. If you have any questions please contact Candie Dalton Candie.Dalton@state.co.us or 303.866.2755.

Thank you.

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