



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI); Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS); Developmental Disabilities (DD); Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD); Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI); and Supported Living Services (SLS).

### **Information:**

The Department intends to submit waiver amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 14, 2020. The Department will request an effective date of March 10, 2021. The proposed waiver amendments give the Department, if agreed upon with stakeholders, the ability to include the following changes:

- Update the Adult Day service definition to reflect a new three-tiered structure (CMHS, EBD, SCI)

- Update the Adult Day service definition to reflect a new two-tiered service structure (BI)
- Update Day Habilitation service, Specialized Habilitation and Supported Community Connector to reflect a new three-tiered structure (DD, SLS)
- Update the Day Habilitation service, Specialized Habilitation and Supported Community Connector with an annual cap on spending (DD, SLS)
- Update corresponding budget projections for all six waivers based upon new Adult Day (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI) and Day Habilitation, Specialized Habilitation and Supported Community Connector (DD, SLS) service tiered structure.

For a more detailed summary of all the changes, please visit the Department's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> to view the full draft waivers and the amendment fact sheet. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling 303-866-3684 or by writing the Department at 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203, ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from November 12, 2020 through December 11, 2020.

Comments should be submitted to the Department via the following methods:

- Phone: 303-866-3684
- Email: [HCPF\\_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us)
- Postal Mail:  
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing  
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**Attachment(s):**

None

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