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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to provide an update to Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) stakeholders about the recent transitions services stakeholder meetings, hosted by the Department on 9/28/2018, 10/1/2018, and 10/5/2018.

Information:

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) hosted three stakeholder meetings to discuss transition services on 9/28/2018, 10/1/2018, and 10/5/2018. Each meeting provided information on: the stakeholder engagement process for the state plan amendment, waiver amendments, and rulemaking; what the Department learned, what actions the Department took and future opportunities to engage during this process.

The Department would like to express our gratitude to all of the stakeholders that attended and provided feedback and rich discussion to the stakeholder meetings for transition services. This process would not have been complete with all of you.

Some questions or comments that came up in one or more meetings not addressed in the FAQ document previously distributed (Informational Memorandum #18-035) include:

Comment: The unit limits for Targeted Case Management – Transition Services and for Transition Coordination are too low.

Response: The unit limits were based on existing data of current usage of community transition services and extended services in the Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) program, industry research, stakeholder feedback, and the budget available. The Department is willing to review additional data from stakeholders for future consideration. The Department is unable to allocate additional funding for the current year.

Question: Who is responsible for clearing out a unit or planning memorial services if a member passes away? Transition Coordinators have been fulfilling this role.

Response: The executor of the member's estate would be responsible for responsibilities related to a member's death. Community resources or the provider agency can choose to do this but would not be reimbursed for it specifically. These expenses would not be billable to Medicaid, which does not reimburse for post-mortem needs.

Please remember:

- The case management qualifications that the TCM-TS rules refer to, can be found [here](#) (slides 20-29)
- The Transitions Frequently Asked Questions document can be found [here](#)
- The Rate Review Process information can be found [here](#), go to bottom of page, click on HCBS Rates Information and Resources, it is listed after the FY18-19 rate increase information
- The 2015 CCT Sustainability Plan can be found [here](#)

Next Steps

At the Medical Services Board meeting on October 12, 2018, the Department postponed the rules that would create sustainability for the CCT program due to stakeholder feedback. As a result, the Department anticipates that there may be a gap in services for members beginning the transition process after January 1, 2019 until a resolution is reached.

The Department encourages stakeholders to review the meeting links in this notice and submit written feedback to **CCT@state.co.us**. Notice of additional stakeholder meetings will be sent out via future Informational Memos.

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