

2024 Waiver Renewals

Children's Extensive Support (CES) Waiver & Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP)

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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Today's Meeting Purpose

Inform Stakeholders of the waiver renewal process and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) required information

Allow stakeholders to provide the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) with feedback during the renewal process

Other Efforts

- Current Waiver Amendments
- Statute and Rule Changes
- New Assessment Tool
- Conflict Free Case Management
- Community First Choice
- American Rescue Plan Projects



Amendment vs. Renewal?

Renewals

- Every 5 years
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviews every section of the waiver application

Amendments

- Twice a year (at least)
- CMS only reviews the sections the State updates or sections that correspond to updated sections

What to Expect

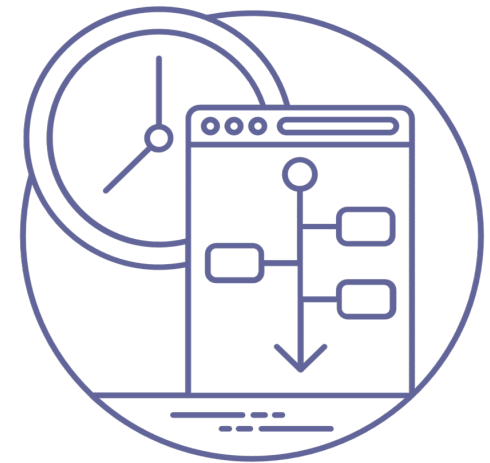
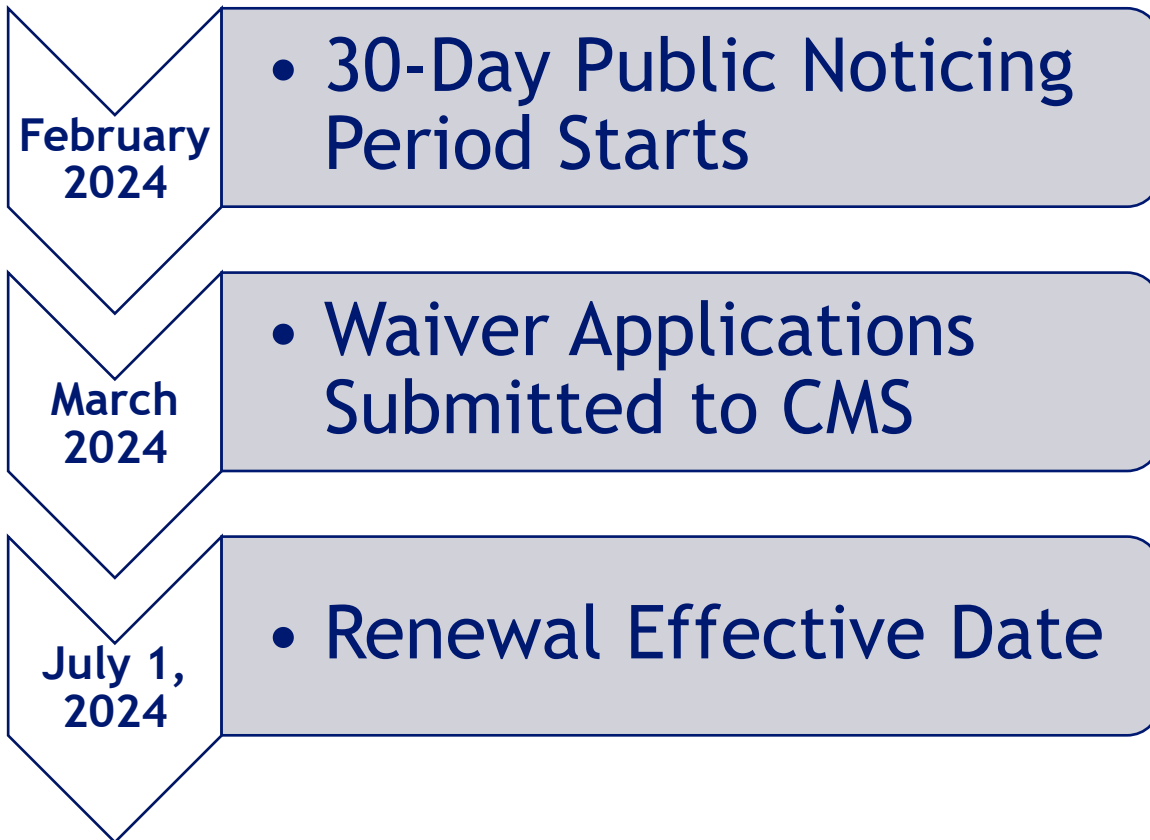
Things we can change:

- Grammar or technical language errors
- Alignment of language across the waivers
- Changes in alignment with Budget and Regulatory Authority

Things we cannot change:

- Existing Contracts
- Budgetary Allocations

2024 Renewal Timeline



What will be covered today?

The content of an
HCBS waiver
application

Explain how the
waiver application
illustrates the
respective program
operations



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Appendix A

Waiver Administration and Operation



Use of Contracted Entities

Colorado
Department of
Public Health &
Environment
(CDPHE)

Case Management
Agencies (CMA)

Fiscal Agent

Quality
Improvement
Organization

Recovery Audit
Contractor

Department of
Local Affairs -
Division of Housing
(DOH)

Colorado
Department of
Human Services
(CDHS)

Appendix B

Participant Access and Eligibility



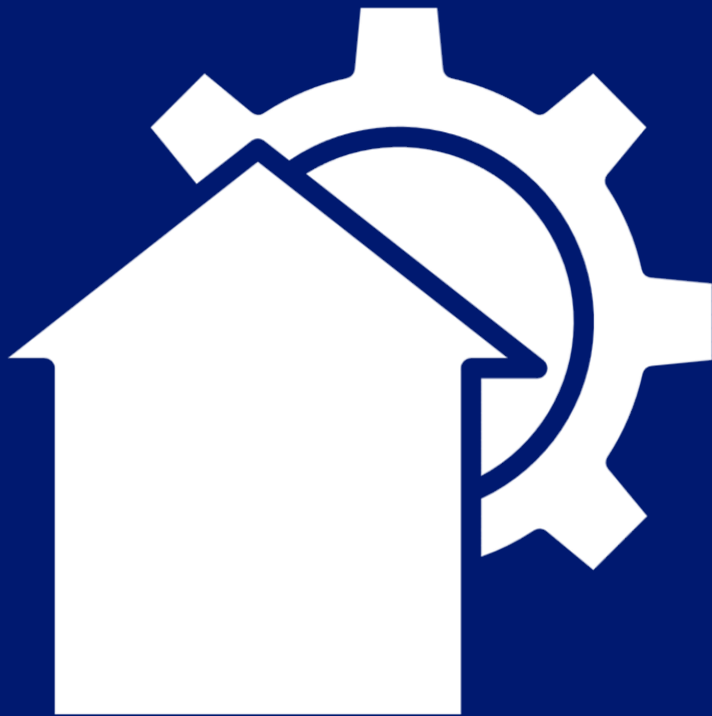
Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES) Target Groups

- Aged 0 through 17
- Developmental Disability
- HCPF has codified additional eligibility criteria in regulation [10 CCR 2505-10 8.503.30](#)
- Be determined to have a Developmental Disability which includes Developmental Delay if under (five) 5 years of age
- Be determined by HCPF or its agent to meeting higher behavioral or medical needs as described in the waiver

Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Target Groups

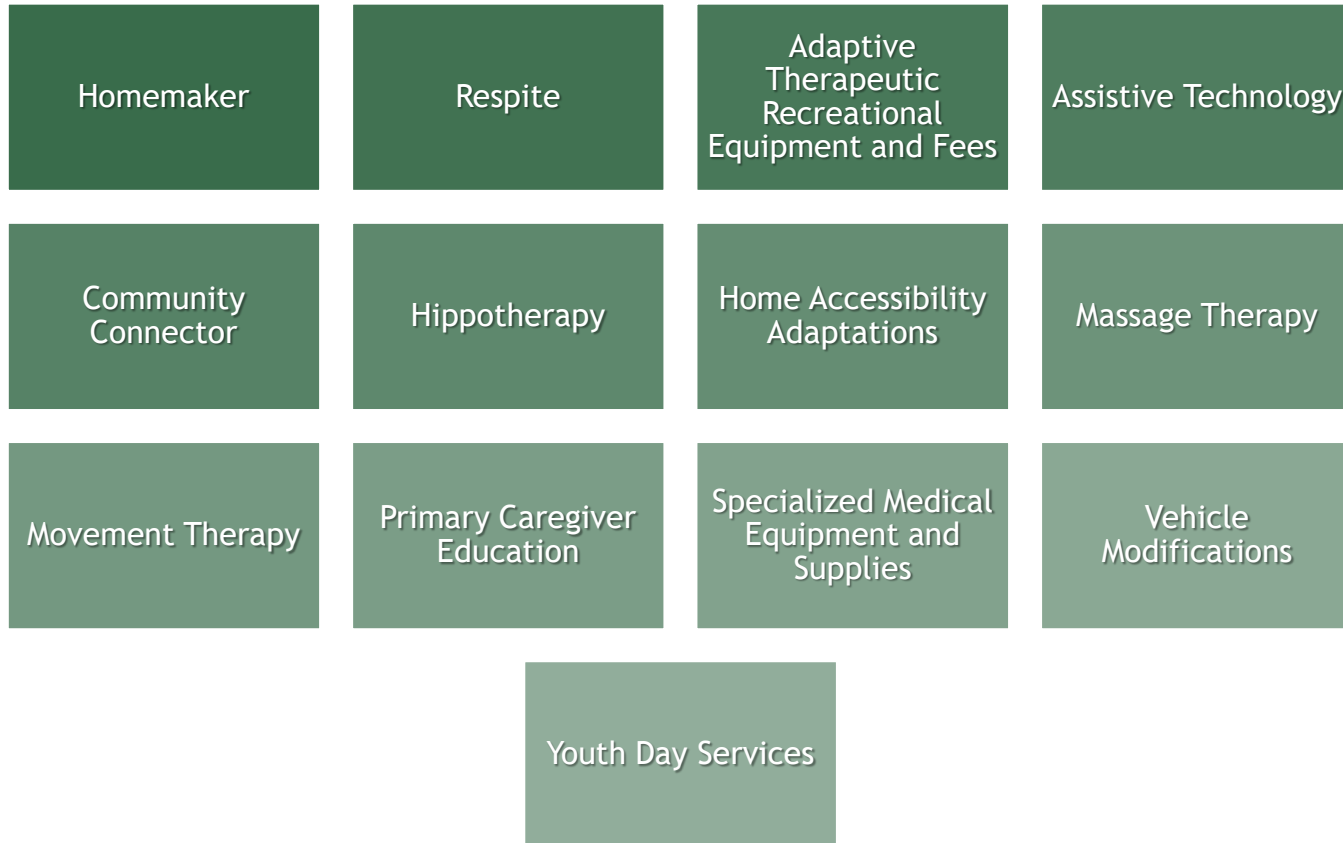
- Aged 0 through 20
- Eligibility limited to children and/or youth who have been determined to have an intellectual and developmental disability by the child's local Case Management Agency, are at risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) and are at risk of, or in need of, out of home placement

Appendix C



Participant Services

CES Waiver Services Summary



CHRP Waiver Services Summary

Habilitation

Respite

Wraparound
Services

Child and
Youth
Mentorship

Community
Connector

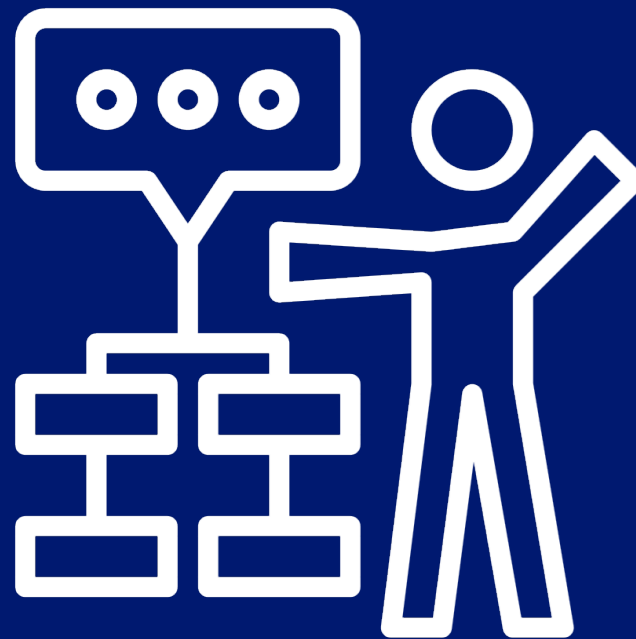
Hippotherapy

Massage
Therapy

Movement
Therapy

Appendix D

Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery



Person-Centered Support Plan Development

Case Manager responsibilities include the following when implementing the Person-Centered Support Plan (PCSP):

- Document-In the Care and Case Management (IT) system
- Monitor-Services and Supports provided as identified in PCSP
- Oversee-for Quality of Service Delivery and Member Satisfaction

Person-Centered Support Plans Must Include:

Opportunity to
Lead the
Planning Process

Member's
Assessed Needs

Preferences

Personal Goals

Natural Supports

Specific Services

Amount,
Duration and
Frequency of
Services

Back Up Plans

Documentation of
Choice: Waiver or
Institutional Care

Rights
Modifications

Appendix E



Participant Direction of Services

Participant Direction

The CES and CHRP waivers do not provide participant direction opportunities.

Appendix F

Participant Rights



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- An explanation of appeal rights is made available to all clients when they are approved or denied eligibility for publicly funded programs and when services are denied or reduced.
- Members are informed of their right to request a fair hearing as it relates to the receipt of services and waiver eligibility.
- Participants are notified of adverse action through issuance of a written form entitled the Long-Term Care Waiver Program Notice Of Action (LTC 803 Form)

Appendix G

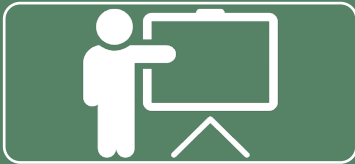


Participant Safeguards

Response to Critical Events or Incidents



Licensed Healthcare Agencies, CMAs, and HCPF Staff are required to report critical incidents



Members and/or legal representatives are informed what qualifies as a critical event when signing the Person-Centered Support Plan with the case manager



Oversight is provided by HCPF, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), or the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)



HCPF has responsibility for reporting, trending and responding to critical incidents

Appendix H

Quality Improvement Strategy



Quality Improvement

“Quality Improvement is a critical operational feature that an organization employs to continually determine whether it operates in accordance with the approved design of its program, meets statutory and regulatory assurances and requirements, achieves desired outcomes, and identifies opportunities for improvement.”

Appendix I



Financial Accountability

Financial Accountability

- Providers are responsible for correctly documenting claims
- The Audits and Compliance Division exists to monitor provider and member compliance with state and federal regulations and HCPF policies
- Rates are calculated by identifying all factors necessary to provide services and the accessibility of the service through research, facility site visits and feedback from stakeholders

Appendix J

Cost Neutrality Demonstration



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$$D + D' \leq G + G'$$

- D = HCBS waiver costs
- D' = State plan waiver costs
- G = Institution cost
- G' = Institution State plan costs

HCBS Public Comment Page

hcpf.colorado.gov/hcbs-public-comment

- Documents related to:
 - Renewals
 - Any current public comment period
 - Previous public comment periods

HCBS Public Comment Email

hcpf_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us



Questions?



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Thank you!

