

Joint House and Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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HB 14-1051 Update

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Today's Presentation

Annual update on House Bill 14-1051: Developmental Disabilities Strategic Plan

- ✓ Background on Programs for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- ✓ Waiting List Progress & Management
- ✓ Policy Change Proposals
- ✓ Cost Estimate

Program Background

Who Receives Long-Term Services & Supports?

People who contribute to Colorado communities at school, work, and beyond

16%



Children & Adolescents

ages 20 & younger
& qualifying former
foster care youth

41%



Adults

ages
21-64

43%



Older Adults

ages 65
or older

Cross Disability

- **Physical Disabilities** - e.g., Spinal Cord Injury, Parkinson's disease
- **Cognitive Disabilities** - e.g., I/DD, Brain Injury, Dementia
- **Mental Health**
- **86% have a chronic condition** (compared to 32% of all Medicaid members)
 - 38% have 5 or more such conditions
- I/DD can overlap w/other disabilities → various waivers available

Long-Term Services & Supports Programs

Home- & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers

62,876

State-Funded Only Programs

6,179

Facility-Based Programs

12,903

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

5,872

Long-Term Home Health & Private Duty Nursing

5,464*

Total Served in LTSS

93,294

*Apx 15,260 members receive LTHH/PDN and other LTSS services

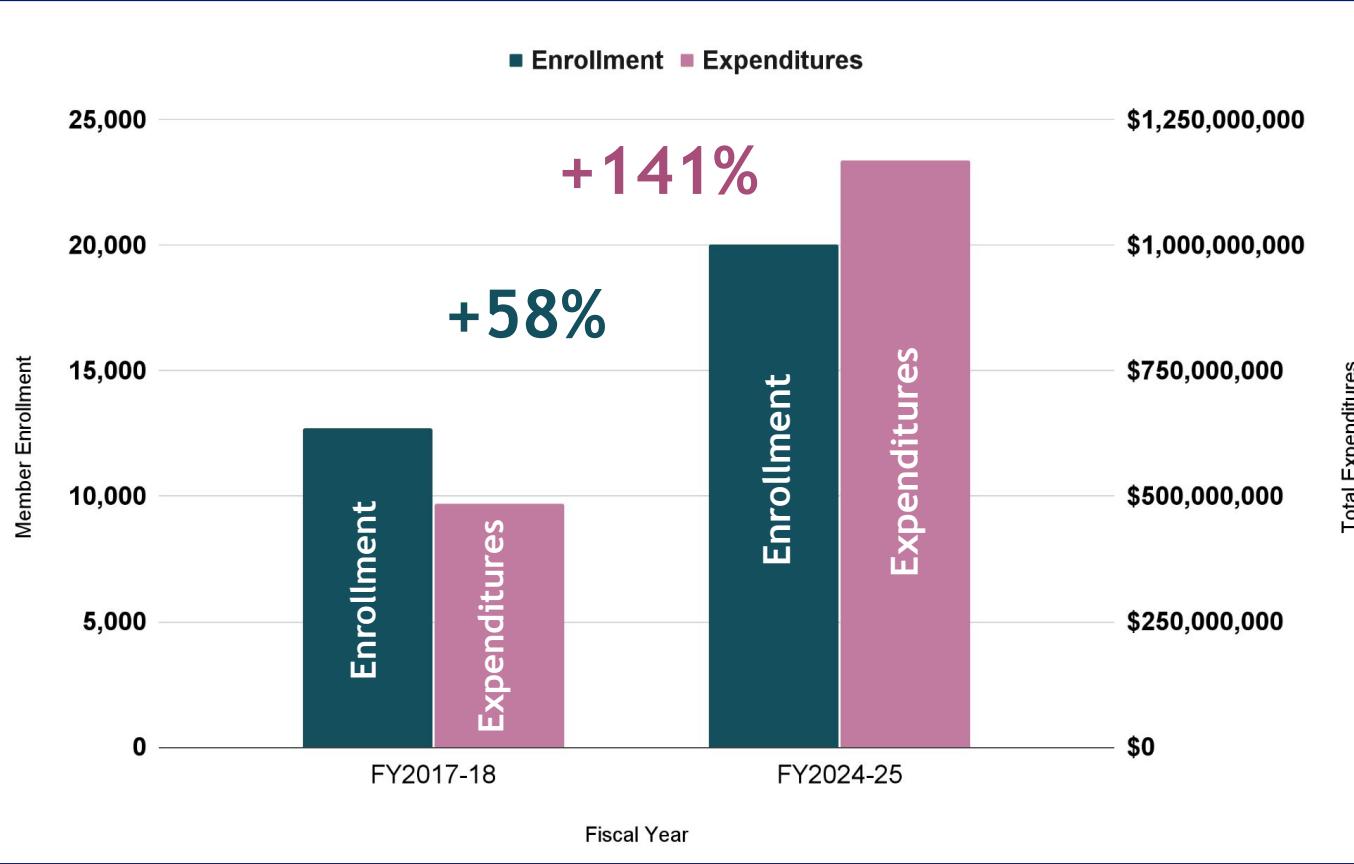
HCBS Waiver Program Growth FY19-25

HCBS Waiver - Children	CLLI	CHCBS	CHRP	CES
Current Enrollment	2,890		588	4,971
Enrollment Growth	-18%	+56%	+1,928%	+130%
Per Member per Month Waiver FY25 Cost & Growth	\$3,348 -16%	\$74,525 +274%	\$87,210 +35%	\$40,838 +176%

Merged July 1, 2025

HCBS Waiver - Adults	CIH	DD	BI	EBD	SLS	CMHS
Current Enrollment	481	9,119	907	34,378	5,371	4,171
Enrollment Growth	+203%	+43%	+67%	+28%	+5%	+9%
Per Member per Month Waiver FY25 Cost & Growth	\$75,887 +104%	\$107,309 +41%	\$86,636 +49%	\$44,556 +112%	\$26,798 +80%	\$28,359 +94%

IDD Waivers Growth



FY 2024-25
21,949
Members with
I/DD Served
Across all
Waivers

LTSS Sustainability Actions Address Cost Drivers

Cost Growth Factors

45.9% is utilization

- Soft Cap on Certain HCBS/CFC Services
- Cap Weekly Caregiving Hours
- Cap Weekly Homemaker Hours for LRP
- Unit Limitations for Community Connector

42.7% is rate increases

- Roll back 1.6% rate increase
- Adjust Community Connector Rate (-15%)
- Eliminate NF Min. Wage Supp.
- Align IRSS rates
- Align Community Connector Rate with SCC (-23%)
- LTHH unit durations, CFC & LTHH group rates, PDN per diem rate, Res. Hab. Level 7 standardize negotiated rate tool

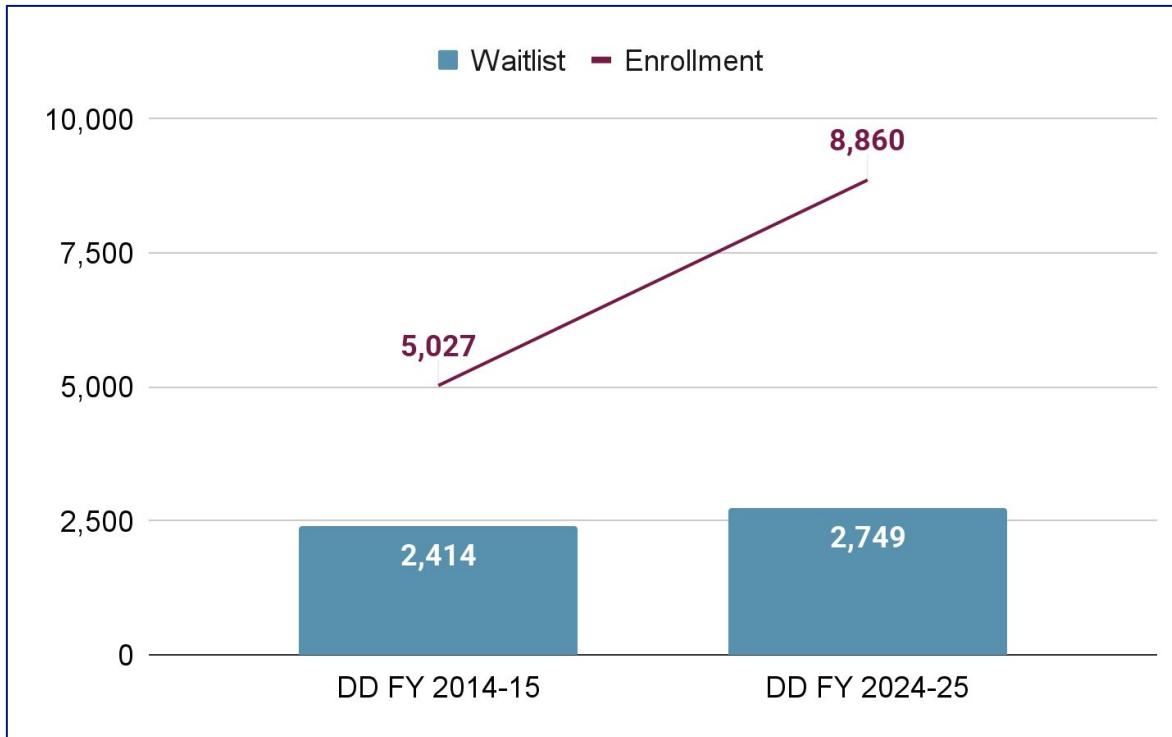
11.4% is enrollment/ eligibility

- Change Auto Enrollment for DD Waiver Youth Transition
- Reduce DD Waiver Churn Enrollments
- LTSS PE delay
- Community Connector Age Limit
- Other savings: Align Member Cost of Care Contrib. (DD PETI) Aims at alignment, not utilization, rates, or enroll./elig.

Sustainability Actions

Waiting List Progress and Management

Developmental Disabilities Waiver: Waiting List Progress



Meeting the Needs of Members

2,749

90%
receiving
other
Medicaid
Services

“As Soon As Available”
DD Waiting List

**Declinations are not
Uncommon**

Primary Declination Reason:
Individuals reporting they are
happy with their current
services.

Proposed Policy Changes

Medicaid Sustainability

Overview of Proposals

- 1. Reduce Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD) Churn Enrollment**
 - a. Reduces enrollments in the DD waiver by 50%, resulting in members staying on the waitlist and continuing to receive services under their existing waiver.
 - b. **Cost Savings:** \$6.5M total funds FY26/2027; \$43.7M total funds FY27/2028
- 2. Auto Enrollment Changes for Certain Youth Transitions in DD Waiver**
 - a. Ends automatic youth-to-adult DD waiver transitions for members aging out of Children's Extensive Supports (CES) or Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP).
 - b. **Cost Savings:** \$15.3M total funds FY26/2027; \$18.7M total funds FY27/2028

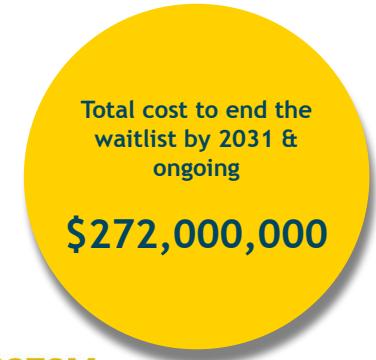
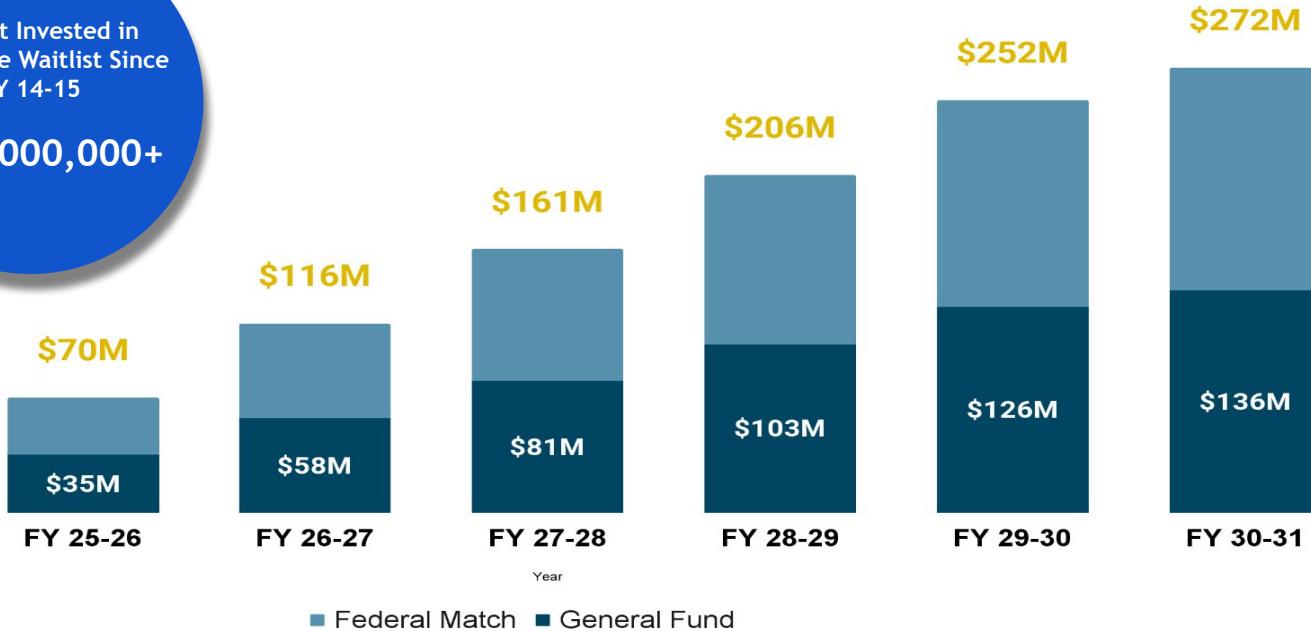
Neither of these reductions affect authorizations onto the DD Waiver through Emergency Enrollment, transfers from institutions, or child welfare services.

Justification for Policy Change

DD Waiver	Growth	FY 2018-19	FY 2024-25
Enrollment Growth	+43%	6,376	9,119
Per Member Per Month Cost Growth	+41%	\$6,325	\$8,943
Expenditure Growth	+112%*	\$422,166,719	\$894,095,505

*Without action, the DD waiver expenditures are forecasted to grow another 20% between FY2024-25 and FY2027-28; expenditures will be above \$1B by FY2026-27

Estimated Cost to End the DD Waiver Waiting List



Thank You!