

# Joint House and Senate Health and Human Services Committee Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing 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

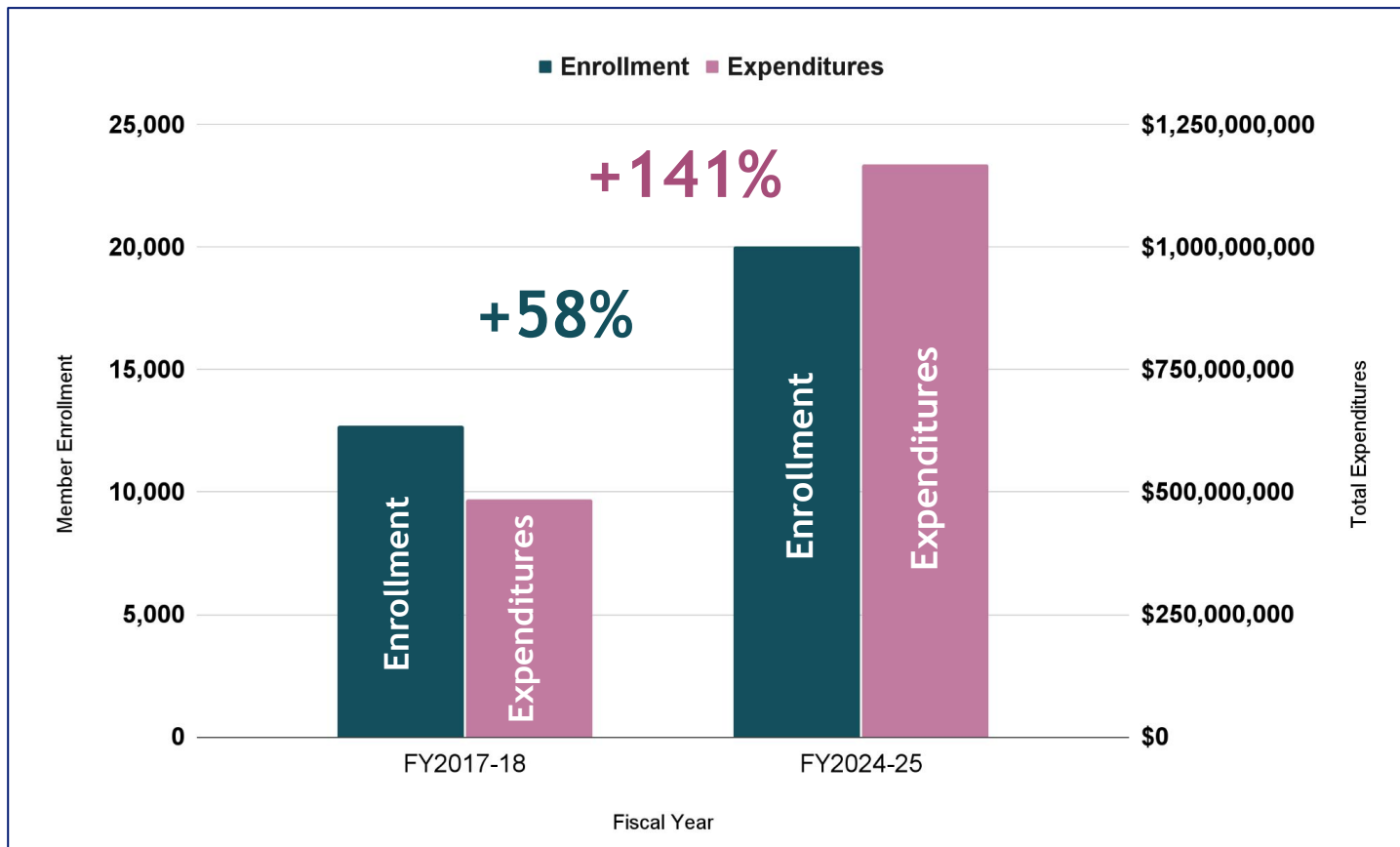
# HCBS Waiver Program Growth FY19-25

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 LRPs
- 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

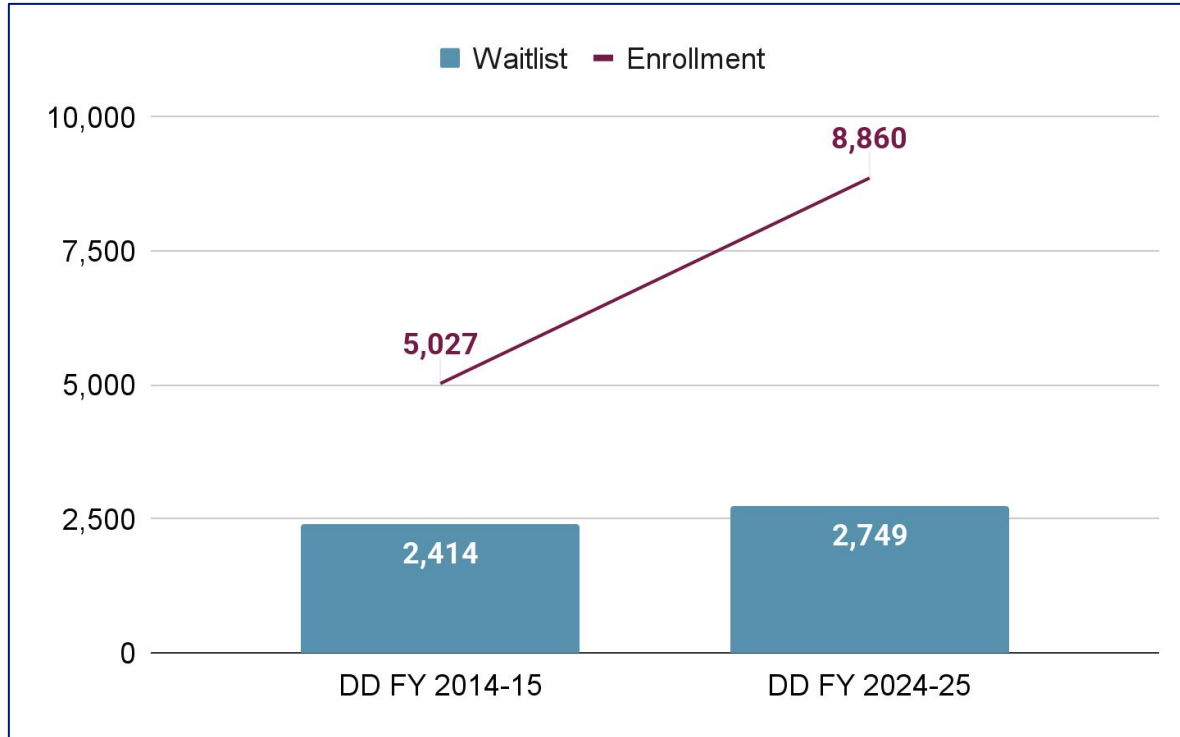
- Change Auto Enrollment for DD Waiver Youth Transition
- Reduce DD Waiver Churn Enrollments
- LTSS PE delay
- Community Connector Age Limit
- Other savings: Align Member Cost of Care Contrib. (DD PETI) Aims at alignment, not utilization, rates, or enroll./elig.

## Sustainability Actions

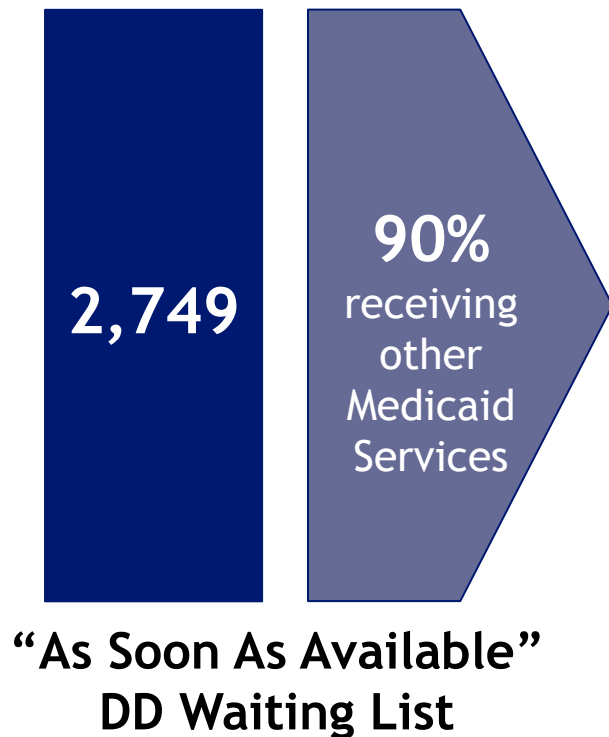


# Waiting List Progress and Management

# Developmental Disabilities Waiver: Waiting List Progress



# Meeting the Needs of Members



**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

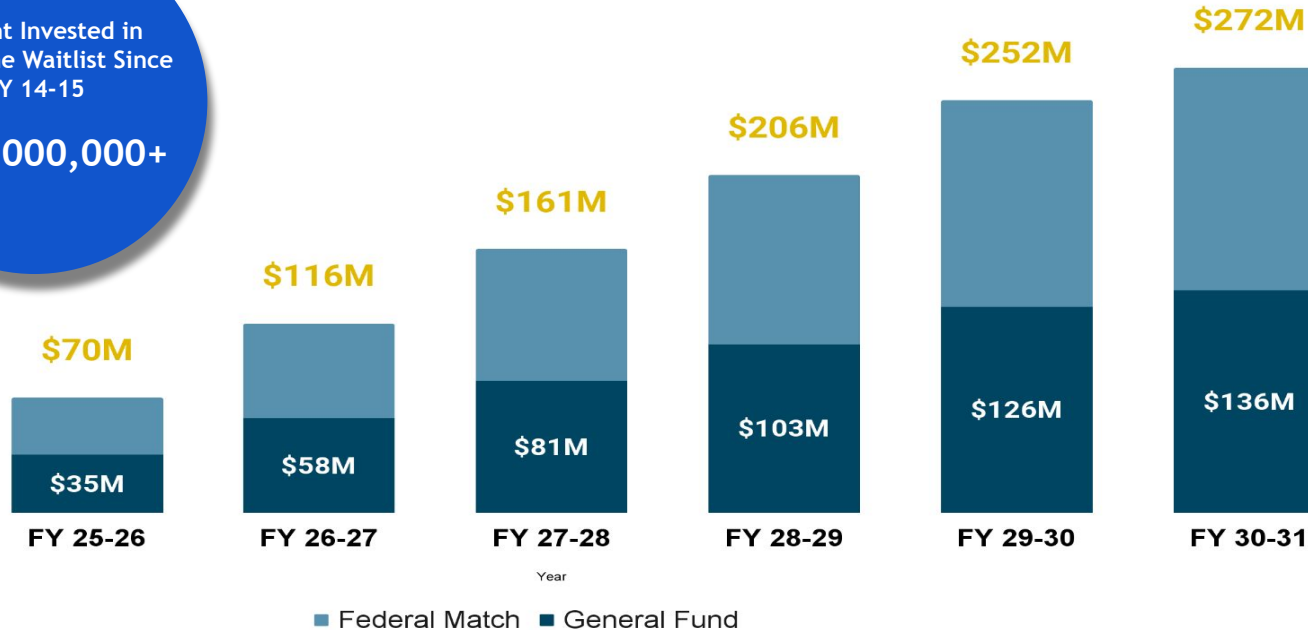
# Estimated Cost to End the DD Waiver Waiting List

Total cost to end the waitlist by 2031 & ongoing

**\$272,000,000**

Amount Invested in Ending the Waitlist Since FY 14-15

**\$287,000,000+**



# Thank You!