

# Community First Choice Council Meeting

February 7, 2024

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing



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# Welcome!

## Meet the HCPF CFC Team

- **Eileen Saunders**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Maddie Quartaro**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Rachel MacLeish**, Federal Health Policy Advisor
- **Karolee Ring**, CFC Project Coordinator
- **Lana Eggers**, Waiver Innovation and Compliance Section Manager



# Our Mission

Improving health care equity, access, and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.



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# Agenda

- Housekeeping
- State Plan Amendment Feedback Revisions
- Timeline Updates
- Stakeholder Engagement Suggestions
- Open Forum

# Attendance

- Please complete the [Google Form](#)
- Call in attendance to Adam Tucker at 303-866-5472
  - Available between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Disclaimer:** The information provided through this form will only be viewed by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) for the purpose of ensuring stakeholder representation on CFC implementation. The Department and its parties will adhere to the strictest privacy rules and policies when handling and discussing this information.

The screenshot shows a Google Form with the following sections:

- Name:** A short answer text field.
- Today's Date \*:** A date selection field with a calendar icon.
- Population(s) represented \*:** A list of checkboxes for different categories:
  - Individual with a disability
  - Representative/parent of individual with disability
  - Person over the age of 65 or their representative
  - Service provider
  - State employee
  - Other...

# Meeting Etiquette and Ground Rules

- Do not share Protected Health Information (PHI)
- Mind E-Manners
- Stay solution-focused
- Respect each other's time and the meeting time
- Reasonable accommodations such as translation services and/or closed captioning please contact John Barry.
  - [john.r.barry@state.co.us](mailto:john.r.barry@state.co.us) or 303-866-3173
  - Department's 504/ADA Coordinator at [hcpf504ada@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf504ada@state.co.us) at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting to make arrangements.



# State Plan Amendment (SPA) Review



# Tracking Updates

- Listening Log can be found on the [CFC Stakeholder Website](#)
- Updates to the SPA can be found on the [CFC Stakeholder Website](#). Below is the key for changes made:
  - **[Language Added]**
  - ~~{Language Removed}~~
  - **Edited Language**



# SPA Feedback

- We will continue to accept feedback on the CFC SPA prior to submitting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in Summer 2024
  - Feedback will continue to be tracked on the Listening Log
  - Any updates to the SPA will be uploaded to the website
- Submit feedback to [hcpf\\_cfc@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_cfc@state.co.us) or 303-866-5472

# Projects and Timelines Update



# Projects

- Wellness Education Benefit
- Community First Choice
- New Children's Home and Community Based Services (CHCBS)/Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI) Waiver



# Wellness Education Benefit Rule

- Wellness Education Benefit is individualized educational materials designed to reduce the need for a higher level of care by offering educational materials that provide members and their families with actionable tools that can be used to prevent the progression of a disability, increase community engagement, combat isolation, and improve awareness of Medicaid services.
- The Wellness Education Benefit was approved by the Center's for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Wellness Education Benefit Rule has been approved by the Medical Services Board (MSB) and the Rule will be effective March 16, 2024
- The Wellness Education Benefit will be available to CHCBS waiver members starting in Spring 2024
- The Wellness Education Benefit should be added to all waivers by July 1, 2025



# Project Timelines: Wellness Education Benefit in the CHCBS Waiver

Milestone	End or Estimated End Date	Completed, In Progress, or Forthcoming
CMS Approval	1/1/2024	Completed
Rules and Regulations Effective per Medical Services Board (MSB)	3/16/2024	In Progress
Case Manager Training	4/30/2024	Forthcoming
Wellness Benefit available to CHCBS members!	5/1/2024	Forthcoming



# Project Timelines: Community First Choice

Milestone	End or Estimated End Date	Completed, In Progress, or Forthcoming
CFC legislation	5/25/2023	Completed
State Plan Amendment Approved by CMS	Fall 2024	In Progress
CFC Rules and Regulations Effective	6/30/2025	Forthcoming
Case Manager Training	Spring 2025	Forthcoming
CFC available for members to enroll at continued stay review (CSR)!	7/1/2025	In Progress



# Project Timelines: CHCBS/CLLI Waiver Merger

Milestone	Estimated end date	Completed, In Progress, or Forthcoming
Public Noticing Period	February 2025	Forthcoming
CMS approval	7/1/2025	Forthcoming
Clean-up legislation	FY 2025/26	Forthcoming
Rules and Regulations	July 2025	Forthcoming
Case Manager Training	January 2025	Forthcoming
CHCBS/CLLI Waiver merger available for member enrollment!	July 2025	Forthcoming



# Stakeholder Engagement Suggestions

- Times and dates
- Additional meetings tailored to different groups (i.e. case management meeting, member meeting, provider meeting, etc.)
- Would an evening meeting be beneficial?
- Other Department meetings you attend that we should present at?
- Council topics that we've discussed but could use more information on?





# Questions?



# Open Forum



# Communications

- How to submit questions, feedback, or comments:
  - CFC Email: [hcpf\\_cfc@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_cfc@state.co.us)
  - Via phone: 303-866-5472
- John Barry for Accommodations:
  - [john.r.barry@state.co.us](mailto:john.r.barry@state.co.us)

# What's Next?

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
  - [CFC Stakeholder Website](#)

# Thank you!



# Resources

[Slide deck from the National Resource Center for Participant Directed Services](#)

[CMS Technical Guide for CFC](#)

[CFC Final Regulation](#)

[HCPF CFC Resources webpage](#)

[Final STP](#)

