

Community First Choice Council Meeting

January 3, 2024

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing



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Welcome!

Meet the HCPF CFC Team

- **Adam Tucker**, Waiver Innovation Unit Supervisor
- **Eileen Saunders**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Maddie Quartaro**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Kristine Dos Santos**, Participant Directed 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
- Settings Review
- State Plan Amendment (SPA) Settings Standard Review Questions
- 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 fields and options:

- 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 selecting the respondent's role:
 - 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 or 303-866-3173
 - Department's 504/ADA Coordinator at hcpf504ada@state.co.us at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting to make arrangements.



Wellness Education Benefit Update



Wellness Education Benefit Rule

- The Wellness Education Benefit was approved by the Center's for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Wellness Education Benefit passed initial approval for the Medical Services Board (MSB)
- The final approval date hearing is January 12, 2024
- The Wellness Education Benefit will be available to CHCBS initially starting in Spring 2024
- [MSB Documents Link](#)



Settings Review



CFC and the Settings Rule

- CFC must adhere to the Home and Community-Based Settings Final Rule to promote more independence for members by safeguarding rights and helping to secure services in the settings members choose.
- Both CFC and the Settings Rule provide opportunities to:
 - Seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings
 - Engage in community life and receive services in the community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS
 - Control personal resources



Settings Questions



Settings Standard Review Questions

- These are questions CMS requires states to answer and submit alongside the CFC State Plan Amendment.
- These responses will be submitted in mid-2024 alongside the draft CFC State Plan Amendment (SPA) as a part of the official SPA process for CFC. HCPF welcomes all feedback prior to submitting this document to CMS. Please email hcpf_cfc@state.co.us with any feedback.
- [CFC Home and Community Based Settings Standard Review Questions](#)



Questions?



Open Forum



Communications

- How to submit questions, feedback, or comments:
 - CFC Email: hcpf_cfc@state.co.us
 - Via phone: Adam Tucker at 303-866-5472
- John Barry for Accommodations:
 - john.r.barry@state.co.us

What's Next?

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 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](#)

