

Community First Choice Council Meeting

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Welcome!

Meet the HCPF CFC Team

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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
- Updates to Children's CFC Services
- CFC Services and Children
- Children's Eligibility and Service Scenarios
- Open Forum

Attendance

- Please complete the [Google Form](#)
- Call in attendance 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**: Short answer text field.
- Today's Date ***: Date selection field with a calendar icon.
- Population(s) represented ***: A list of checkboxes with the following options:
 - 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.

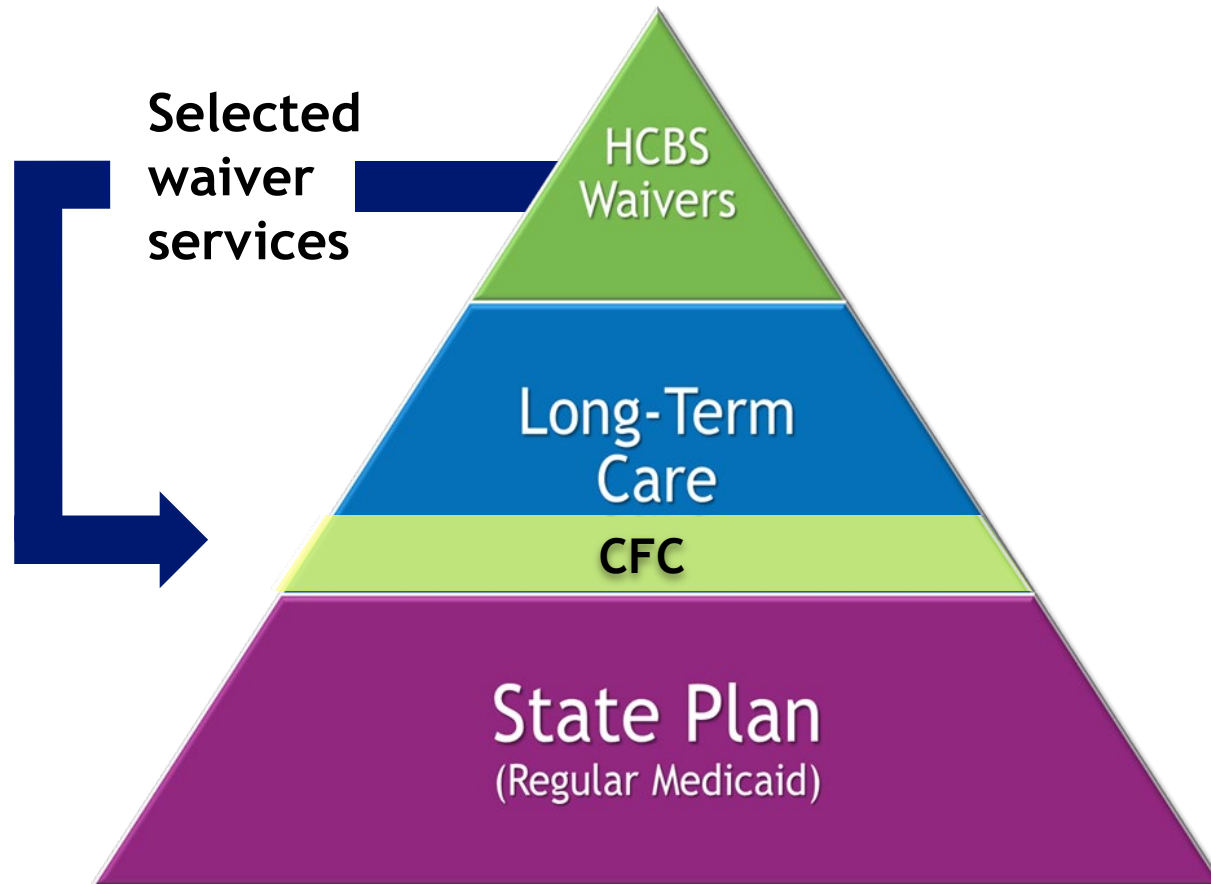


Community First Choice

Goal of CFC: Making HCBS accessible for more Medicaid members with expanded options and availability for self-directed care

Mandatory and Select Optional Services:

- Homemaker
- Personal Care
- Health Maintenance Activities
- Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills (new federally required service)
- Remote Supports
- Remote Supports Technology
- Home Delivered Meals
- Transition Setup
- Electronic Monitoring
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Medication Reminders



Personal Care for Children



Pediatric Personal Care and CFC Personal Care

- The current Pediatric Personal Care Benefit will remain as is on the State Plan
- Personal Care will also be available to children through CFC

Note: Members cannot receive services from both Personal Care authorities at the same time



CFC and Assessed Needs

- CFC services must be provided on a statewide basis regardless of the individual's age, type or nature of disability, or severity of disability
- CFC services are provided based on having an assessed need for that service

Age-Appropriate Guidelines

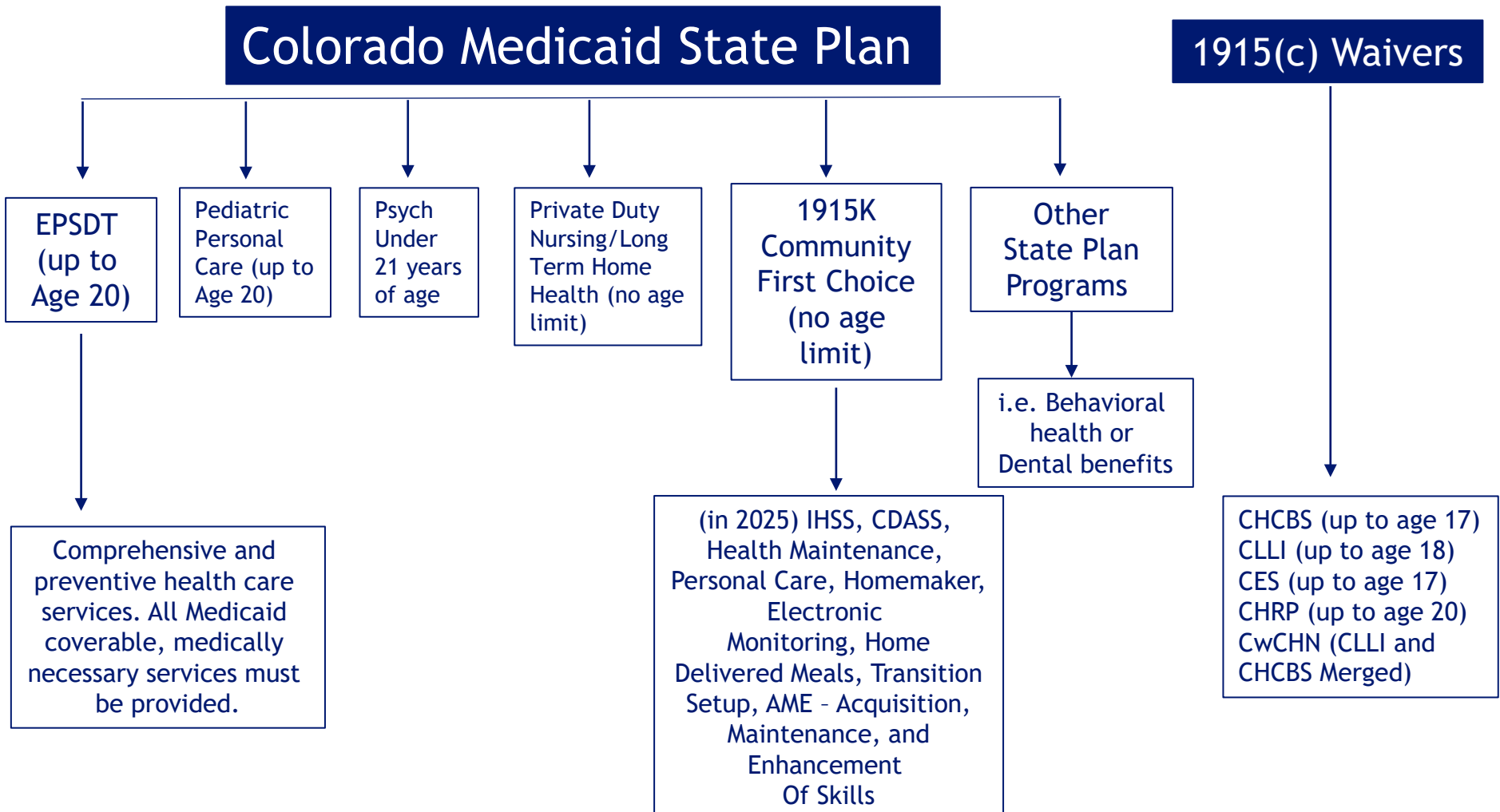
- Existing Guidelines

- Provide instructions for using the long-term care assessment for children
- The guidelines help assessors distinguish between a child being unable to perform an Activity of Daily Living (ADL) due to his or her age versus a child requiring assistance to perform an ADL that is above and beyond the assistance typically provided to a peer

- Ages and Stages

- Additional research guidelines for determining child development milestones

Children's Services Breakdown



Community First Choice Services and Service Delivery

<p>Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homemaker • Personal Care • Health Maintenance Activities • Home Delivered Meals • Medication Reminders • Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) • Remote Supports • Transition Set Up • Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills (AME) - New Service available under Homemaker and Personal Care
<p>Participant-Directed Service Delivery Models</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members can choose to self-direct Personal Care, Homemaker, and Health Maintenance Activities through In-Home Supports and Services (IHSS) or Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS). Members can access Personal Care and Homemaker through a traditional agency provider.

Colorado Community First Choice (CFC) vs. Children's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Comparison Chart



Examples of how CFC will interact with children's waivers and the waiver merger



Mercedes Example - CES Waiver

- Mercedes is a 14-year-old on the Children's Extensive Support (CES) Waiver and receives Respite services. Mercedes also receives Long-Term Home Health services under the State Plan
- Mercedes will be eligible for CFC and wants to have more self-direction with her services
- Mercedes will utilize IHSS Health Maintenance through CFC and continue to receive Respite services under the CES Waiver
 - Mercedes will utilize IHSS instead of Long-Term Home Health



Forest Example - CHCBS Waiver

- Forest receives Long-Term Home Health Services under the State Plan. He is eligible for the State Plan through the CHCBS waiver.
 - Forest only receives Case Management as a monthly waiver service on CHCBS
- In May 2024, Forest will be automatically enrolled in the Wellness Education Benefit
 - Because Case Management will be removed as a monthly service from the CHCBS waiver, Forest will need to stay enrolled in the Wellness Education Benefit to remain waiver-eligible

Forest Example, CHCBS Waiver Continued

- At the time of Forest's Continued Stay Review (CSR) in 2025, Forest will be enrolled in the new Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver (CwCHN).
 - Forest will also be eligible for CFC Services and all existing CLLI Waiver services under the new CwCHN waiver.
 - Forest has an assessed need for In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Health Maintenance Activities (HMA) under CFC, and Respite under the CwCHN waiver.
- Forest will now start receiving Respite services and the Wellness Education Benefit through the CwCHN waiver, as well as IHSS HMA under CFC.
- Forest will no longer receive Long-Term Home Health as IHSS HMA will replace that service.



Jessica Example - CLLI Waiver

- Jessica is receiving Expressive Therapy and Massage Therapy through the CLLI waiver.
- At the time of Continued Stay Review (CSR) after July 1, 2025, Jessica's waiver title will change from CLLI to CwCHN with no steps needed from Jessica.
 - Jessica will be able to enroll in the Wellness Education Benefit.
 - Jessica will have access to CFC services.

Benefit Transitions

Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver (CwCHN)

2023-2024

2024-2025

2025-2026

2026

Current Status

CHCBS

- Case Management
- In Home Support Services (HMA only)

CLLI

All current services

Case Management moves 7/1/2024

CHCBS

- In Home Support Services (HMA only)
- Wellness Education Benefit

CLLI

All current services

Members transition from CHCBS to CCHN. CFC launches

CHCBS

- In Home Support Services (HMA only)
- Wellness Education Benefit

CwCHN

- All current CLLI services
- Wellness Education Benefit

CFC

In Home Support Services

All members transitioned to new Waiver. CHCBS concludes

CwCHN

- All current CLLI services
- Wellness Education Benefit

CFC

In Home Support Services



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Questions?



Open Forum



Communications

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

What's Next?

- Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 3, 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](#)

