

# Community First Choice Council Meeting

November 2, 2022

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
- **Jordan Larson**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Katie McGuire**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Kristine Dos Santos**, Participant Directed CFC Policy Advisor
- **Betty Vanderkaay**, 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.



# Agenda

- **Housekeeping**
- **Timeline Update**
- **Service Package Updates**
- **Data Collection and Quality Assurance**
- **Member Eligibility**
  - **Overview**
  - **Examples**

# Attendance

- Please complete the [Google Form](#)
- Call in attendance to Jordan Larson at 303-866-3580
  - Available between 8:00 a.m. - 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:

- Name**: Short answer text field.
- Today's Date \***: Date picker 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](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.

# Council Updates

- **December Council meeting and Listening session are cancelled due to JBC hearings and the holidays**
  - Council will reconvene on January 4, 2023
  - After November 9th, listening sessions will resume January 11, 2023
- **CFC Community Meeting on November 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM**
  - Geared towards families and individuals that cannot attend the mid-day CFC meetings



# Updates





# Timeline Update

- Due to complexities around system changes, the expected CFC implementation date has shifted
- CFC is now expected to begin implementation on July 1, 2025
- Members will begin transitioning to CFC services at time of Continued Stay Review (CSR) beginning on July 1, 2025
- Waiver services that at moving to CFC will remain accessible in waivers until June 30, 2026
- Prior Authorization Requests may not include duplicative CFC and waiver services
  - For example: At time of CSR, waiver Personal Care services will be removed from a member's PAR and CFC Personal Care services will be added

# Updates to Service Package



# Consumer Direction

- The Department has heard stakeholder feedback on the need to include Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) in CFC
- A core goal of CFC is to expand consumer directed services to all members, regardless of type of disability
- The Department has always intended to include CDASS in CFC, the question was when
- The Department is moving forward with the goal of implementing CDASS and IHSS into CFC at the same time
- CFC/CDASS specific discussions are forthcoming



# Decisions on Homemaker Enhanced

- **The extraordinary cleaning portion of homemaker enhanced will remain as a waiver service in the following waivers**
  - Children's Extensive Support (CES) Waiver
  - Supported Living Services (SLS) Waiver
- **The habilitative portion of homemaker enhanced will move into the Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills (AME) under CFC**
  - Members on the CES and SLS waivers will have access to extraordinary cleaning through homemaker enhanced in waiver and they will have access to the habilitative portion that exists under homemaker enhanced through AME under CFC



# Decision on Life Skills Training (LST)

- **LST will move into CFC as a transition service**
  - Independent Life Skills Training (ILST) will remain in the Brain Injury (BI) Waiver, as is

# Decision on Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills (AME)

- **Definition:** Services and supports related to functional skills training necessary for the member to accomplish ADL/IADLs and health related tasks to increase their independence and reduce supports needed in the home and community
- **AME will become a subcomponent of personal care and homemaker with a modifier (like relative PC)**
  - For example: Members can access personal care AME without accessing personal care, or can access personal care without accessing AME

# Data Collection & Quality Assurance



# Data

- **Collected through eligibility and enrollment systems**
  - Disability type, age, gender, education level, employment status
- **Member Satisfaction Survey**
  - Impact of CFC on the physical and emotional health of the individual



# Quality Assurance

- **What is quality assurance for CFC and HCBS Services?**
  - CDPHE licensure and auditing
  - Critical incident reporting system
  - Ongoing compliance with final settings rule
  - Appeals for denial
  - Annual reporting to CMS

# Quality Assurance: Stakeholder Role

- **CFC Member feedback**
  - In accordance with 42 CFR 441.585(c) the state will elicit feedback from individuals and their representatives, disability organizations, providers, families, individuals with disabilities or elderly individuals, and members of the community to improve the quality of the community-based attendant services and supports benefit.
- **Participating in Member Satisfaction Surveys**

# Questions?



# Member Eligibility



# Eligibility Group Flow Chart

**Medicaid Eligibility under the State Plan**

**EITHER**  
A category that covers Nursing Facility services

**OR**  
A category that *does not* cover Nursing Facility services; with income at or below 150% FPL

**Medical Assistance Eligibility under Section 1915(c) Waiver, AND**

**Receipt of At Least One HCBS Waiver Service per Month**

**Institutional Level of Care (Case Management Assessment)**

**Eligibility for Community First Choice**



# Level of Care Eligibility

- Level of Care Requirement (42 CFR 441.510)
- Individuals receiving CFC benefits must meet one of the following institutional levels of care
  - Long-term hospital,
  - Nursing facility,
  - Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities,
  - Institution providing psychiatric services for individuals under age 21,
  - Institution for mental diseases for individuals aged 65 or over



# Earl Example

- Earl is on the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) waiver and receives one service per month which is personal care
- Earl meets Nursing Facility level of care requirement
- Because Earl is on a waiver, he meets functional and financial eligibility for CFC
- With Personal Care moving under CFC, Earl will now receive Personal Care under CFC rather than the EBD waiver
  - Earl can maintain EBD waiver eligibility by receiving another waiver service every month

# Chad Example - Non-Waiver Member

- Chad has been in a nursing home receiving care for the last 6 months and is looking to return the community
- Chad meets Nursing Facility level of care requirement and will continue to need services in the community
- Chad meets financial eligibility for Medicaid State Plan. Therefore, Chad meets CFC financial eligibility criteria
- Chad will have an assessment completed by a case manager to determine the service needs he has in the community
  - Chad needs Personal Care and Homemaker services and will receive those through CFC
  - Additionally, Chad needs Adult Day services and can receive those services through the EBD waiver





# Mercedes Example

- Mercedes is a 14-year-old on the Children's Extensive Support (CES) Waiver and receives Respite services. Mercedes has also received Long-Term Home Health services under the State Plan
- Mercedes meets Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (ICF-IDD) level of care requirement
- Because Mercedes is on a waiver, she meets functional and financial criteria for CFC
- Mercedes will be eligible for CFC and wants to have more self-direction through her services
- Mercedes will utilize IHSS Health Maintenance through CFC and continue to receive Respite services under the CES Waiver



# Gayle Example

- Gayle is on the Developmental Disability (DD) Waiver and accesses Residential Habilitation Services
- Gayle meets Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (ICF-IDD) level of care requirement
- Because Gayle is on a waiver, she meets functional and financial criteria for CFC
- While Gayle qualifies for CFC, Gayle will not receive CFC services because she receives those services through Residential Habilitation under the DD waiver

# Carlos Example - Adult Buy-In

- Carlos utilizes the Adult Buy-In Program to access State Plan services
- Carlos meets Hospital level of care requirement and targeting criteria for the Comprehensive Integrative Health (CIH) waiver
  - Carlos is then enrolled in the CIH waiver
- Carlos meets eligibility criteria for CFC because he is on the CIH waiver and receives at least one waiver service per month
- Carlos receives Personal Care and Acquisition, Maintenance, & Enhancement of Skills services on CFC, and continues to receive Acupuncture, Chiropractic, and Massage services on CIH Waiver



# Open Forum

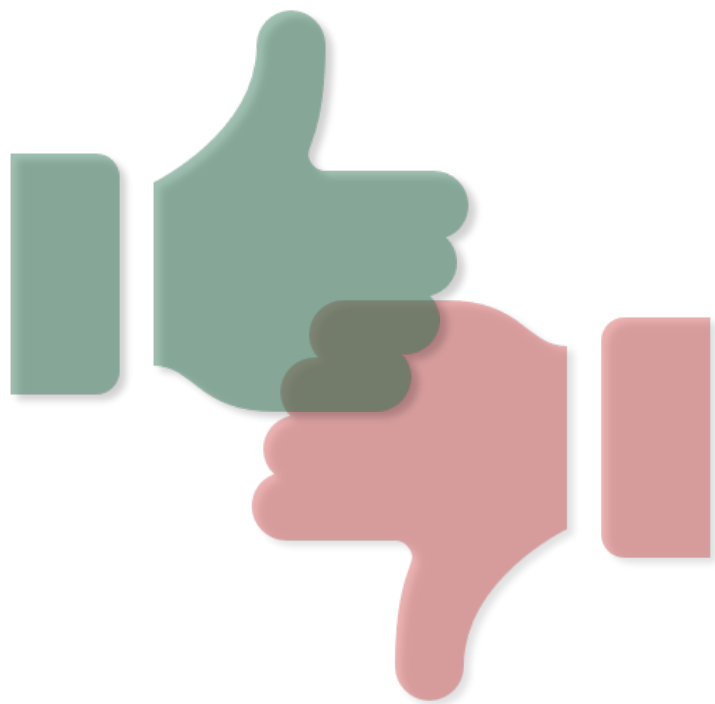


# Communications

- How to submit questions, feedback, or comments:
  - CFC Email: [hcpf\\_cfc@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_cfc@state.co.us)
  - Via phone: Jordan Larson at 303-866-3580
- John Barry for Accommodations:
  - [john.r.barry@state.co.us](mailto:john.r.barry@state.co.us)

# What's Next?

- Next Meeting: Listening Sessions
  - Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
  - [CFC Stakeholder Website](#)
- Volunteer Opportunities:
  - Contact Jordan Larson at  
[jordan.larson@state.co.us](mailto:jordan.larson@state.co.us) or 303-866-3580



# 60 Second Satisfaction Survey

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityFirstChoice](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityFirstChoice)



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# 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](#)

