



Community First Choice Overview

1. What is Community First Choice?

Community First Choice (CFC) is a Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) benefit that will be available to eligible children and adults. CFC offers services that help with activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living, such as dressing, bathing, and eating.

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) does not currently offer the CFC option. However, the Department is working to implement CFC by 2025.

2. What are home and community-based services waivers?

A Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver is a set of Health First Colorado benefits that help individuals stay in their homes and community. Members must meet financial, medical, and program-specific criteria to access services.

3. What is the difference between HCBS waivers and CFC?

Eligibility Features	HCBS Waivers	CFC
Targeting Criteria	Yes	No
Financial Eligibility Requirements	Yes	Yes
Level of Care Requirements	Yes	Yes
Must Demonstrate Need for Service	Yes	Yes
Service Features	HCBS Waivers	CFC
Service Unit Limits	Yes	No ¹
Can Access All Services Under Authority	No	Yes ²

¹ Service units are based on demonstrated need for services.

² Qualifying members are eligible for any services that they demonstrate a need for.

4. How might CFC impact me?

HCBS waiver members:

- CFC will simplify and increase flexibility in service utilization by allowing those on HCBS waivers to also utilize State Plan benefits.
- There are no unit caps for CFC services because services are based on medical needs.
- May be able to access participant-directed programs not currently available under specific waivers.

Newly Enrolled or Current State Plan Members:

- Expands access to participant-directed service delivery models, such as In-Home Supports and Services (IHSS) under the State Plan.
- CFC eligibility is less restrictive and improves access to HCBS.
- Allows more people access and provides HCBS to support and promote independence in the home and community.
- CFC expands children's access to IHSS

5. How could I learn more or get involved?

It is very important for those receiving or who may benefit from HCBS to engage in the design of CFC. Feedback from members and their representatives helps ensure the Department sets up a program that improves the experience of Health First Colorado members.

There are a few ways to provide feedback or engage with the Department as they work to implement CFC. Opportunities include:

- Attend a CFC Council meeting! They are open to the public and meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting January 4, 2023.
- Contact us via email at hcpf_cfc@state.co.us or call 303-866-3580. We want to hear your thoughts and feedback related to CFC.
- Send questions or feedback through the [CFC Feedback Form](#).

Meeting information, recordings, materials and other engagement opportunities can be found on the [CFC Stakeholder web page](#).

CFC Council Call-in Information:

Join by Google Meet: meet.google.com/puj-crid-xhb

Join by Phone: 1-260-230-1249 / Pin: 719 313 221#

Virtual/Phone Meeting Only - until further notice

Reasonable accommodations for the meetings will be provided upon request: for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities and language services for individuals whose first language is not English may be provided upon request. Please notify john.r.barry@state.co.us or at 303-866-3173, or the 504/ADA Coordinator at hcpf504ada@state.co.us at least one week prior to the meeting to make arrangements.