

Community First Choice (CFC) Timeline - DRAFT

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Background

History: Community First Choice (CFC), also known as 1915(k), allows states to offer Health First Colorado members (Colorado's Medicaid Program) home and community-based attendant services and supports to eligible Medicaid enrollees under the State Plan. While Colorado does not offer services through CFC at this time, the state is currently working to design CFC with the goal of implementation by 2025. This timeline refers to several components of implementing CFC and outline important events and milestones that will impact the implementation of CFC in Colorado.

Stakeholder Involvement: The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) has multiple stakeholder engagement opportunities, with the primary channel being the CFC Council. The Department put the CFC Council in place to collaborate with and advise the Department on the design and implementation a CFC option in Colorado. The CFC Council primarily consists of individuals with disabilities, those 65 years or older, and their representatives, however, is open to the public.

Purpose: This timeline refers to several components of implementing CFC, such as case management redesign and waiver amendments. This timeline is meant to highlight important events and milestones that will impact the implementation of CFC in Colorado. The Department will keep this timeline up to date on the website as we continue to work through policy requirements with stakeholders. The timeline includes but is not limited to the following: CFC, case management redesign, rule and regulation changes, CFC systems changes, waivers, and federal approvals.

Acronym Key

CCM = Care and Case Management System

CFC = Community First Choice

CFCM = Conflict Free Case Management

CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

HCPF = Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

MMIS = Medicaid Management Information System

MSB = Medical Services Board

PCBA = Person Centered Budget Algorithm

SPA = State Plan Amendment

Format Guide

Name of event or milestone - Date or date range of event

CFC

CFC Council Review Department Proposal at monthly meetings, including services, settings, transition plan, etcetera - May 1, 2022 to December 2023

CFC Council likely switch to Quarterly Meetings January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026

Waiver Action for Wellness Benefit July 1, 2023

Wellness benefit effective March 1, 2024

Submit CFC SPA - January 1, 2024

Formal MSB process start for CFC - July 1, 2024

CFC go-live and rule effective - July 1, 2025

Eligibility system changes go live January 1, 2025

Transition of CFC participants begins - July 1, 2025

Waiver action to remove CFC services - July 1, 2026

CFC Services removed from waiver - January 1, 2027

CFC Systems

System Changes Begin - Development of Scope Change Request for MMIS and CCM, Service Codes created, Specialty Codes created, System Builds start, System Change Requests Begin - May 2022 to January 2025

CCM system changes Begin - May 2023

CCM and MMIS completed to support CFC - January 1, 2025

Case Management - Also see [CMRD Timeline](#)

Care and Case Management Training - May 2022 to September 2022

New Assessment Tool Pilot - July 30, 2022 to July 30, 2023

Waiver action for 1915(b)(4) - January 1, 2023

1915(b)(4) go live - July 1, 2023

CFCM Finalized - July 1, 2024

PCBA go live - July 1, 2024

Waivers

Fall Amendment Effective - January 1, 2022

Spring Amendment Effective - July 1, 2022

Fall Amendment Effective - January 1, 2023

Spring Amendment submitted - February 15, 2023

Spring Amendment effective - July 1, 2023

Fall Amendment Effective - January 1, 2024

Spring Amendment Effective - July 1, 2024

CMS Review And Approve Waivers - September 2024 to December 2024

Spring Amendment effective - July 1, 2025

Waiver Amendment Development - July 1, 2025

Waiver Amendment Public Notice Period - July 30 to September 9, 2025

Submit Waiver Applications to CMS - September 12, 2025

CMS Review/Approve Waivers - September 15, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Fall Amendment effective - January 1, 2026

Rules and Regulations

Rule Drafting - October 2023 to January 2024

Stakeholder Engagement Around Rule begins - March 2024

Rule Draft to MSB - July 22, 2024

MSB hearing process - September 2024 to November 2024

Rule Becomes Effective - January 1, 2025