Colorado Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Adult Waivers and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Comparison Chart

HCBS Adult Waivers

Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) is a health care program for low-income Coloradans and people with disabilities. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for one of the program categories in order to qualify for benefits. Major program categories include Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Medicaid Only, Colorado Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Baby Care/Kids Care, Aid to the Needy Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Old Age Pension. To apply for Health First Colorado, contact your local County Department of Social/Human Services.

Waiver programs provide additional Health First Colorado benefits to specific populations who meet special eligibility criteria. This chart summarizes those benefits and criteria and tells you how to apply for Health First Colorado under a waiver. For some people, a waiver is the only way to qualify for Health First Colorado.

Members must meet financial, medical, and program targeting criteria to access services under a waiver. The applicant's income must be less than 300% or three times the Supplemental Security Income allowance per month (see www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/SSI.html for current information) and countable resources less than \$2,000 for a single person or \$3,000 for a couple. The applicant must also be at risk of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID (Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities). To utilize waiver benefits, members must be willing to receive services in their homes or communities. A member who receives services through a waiver is also eligible for all basic Health First Colorado covered services except nursing facility and long-term hospital care. When a member chooses to receive services under a waiver, the services must be provided by certified Health First Colorado providers or by a Health First Colorado contracting managed care organization. The cost of waiver services cannot be more than the cost of placement in a nursing facility, hospital, or ICF/IID.

Applicants may apply for more than one waiver but may only receive services through one waiver at a time. There may be a waiting list for some waivers. Anyone who is denied Health First Colorado eligibility for any reason has a right to appeal. Talk to your County Department of Social/Human Services if you wish to exercise your right to appeal.

PACE Program

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a benefit available under the Health First Colorado State Plan. The PACE program is not a HCBS waiver.

Applicants must meet the PACE program eligibility requirements to qualify. The local Case Management Agency determines if an applicant meets the level of care required under the Health First Colorado State Plan for coverage of nursing facility services. Each PACE program determines if an applicant meets the PACE program eligibility requirements of living safely in the community, as outlined in their program agreement with the State of Colorado.

An applicant's financial eligibility for Health First Colorado is determined by the County Department of Human/Social Services. If an applicant does not meet Health First Colorado financial criteria, he or she may pay privately to be on the PACE program.

The PACE benefit package for all participants, regardless of the source of payment, must include the following: 1) All Medicare-covered services. 2) All Health First Colorado-covered services specified in the State's approved Medicaid State Plan. 3) Other services determined necessary by the interdisciplinary team (IDT) to improve and maintain the participant's overall health status. Medicare and Health First Colorado benefit limitations and conditions relating to amount, duration, scope of services, deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing do not apply.

The PACE program delivers comprehensive healthcare services to participants across all care settings. Services must be furnished in at least the PACE center, the home, and inpatient facilities, up to and including admission to a long-term care facility when the PACE program can no longer support the participant safely in the community.

The PACE program provides a team approach to care management and service delivery. Team members deliver much of the care and services to participants directly as well as coordinating and monitoring services delivered by contractors such as hospitals, residential care facilities, and specialists.

Participants may disenroll from the program at any time, for any reason.

Important: Participants must receive benefits solely through the PACE organization. Participants cannot receive care from outside providers, or they may be fully and personally liable for the costs of the unauthorized or out-of-PACE program agreement services.

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What is the	To provide a home or	To provide a home or	To provide a home or	To provide persons	To provide a home or	To provide persons	To provide
primary purpose	community-based	community-based	community-based	with developmental	community-based	with developmental	comprehensive
of this waiver or	alternative to hospital	alternative to nursing	alternative for people	disabilities services	alternative to nursing	disabilities supported	health care services
program?	or specialized nursing	facility care for	with a spinal cord	and supports which	facility care for	living services in the	to older adults as a
	facility care for	persons with major	injury, multiple	allow them to	persons who are	person's home or	home or community-
	persons with brain	mental illness	sclerosis, a brain	continue to live in	elderly, blind, and	community	based alternative to
	injury		injury, spina bifida,	the community	living with a disability		nursing facility care
			muscular dystrophy,				while preserving and
			or cerebral palsy with				supporting the older
			the inability to walk				adult's family unit
			independently				
What ages are served?	Age 16 and older	Age 18 and older	Age 18 or older	Age 18 and older	Age 18 and older	Age 18 and older	Age 55 and older
Who is served?	Persons with brain	Persons with a	Persons with a	Persons who are in	Elderly persons with	Persons who can	Older adults who
	injury as defined in	diagnosis of major	qualifying condition	need of services and	a functional	either live	meet nursing facility
	the Colorado Code of	mental illness as	of a spinal cord	supports 24 hours a	impairment (aged	independently with	level of care, reside
	Regulations with	defined in the	injury, multiple	day that will allow	65+) or persons who	limited supports or	in the program's
	specific diagnostic	Colorado Code of	sclerosis, a brain	them to live safely	are blind or living	who, if they need	service area, able to
	codes	Regulations with	injury, spina bifida,	and participate in the	with a physical	extensive supports,	live safely in the
			muscular dystrophy,	community		are already receiving	community at the

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		specific DSM-IV diagnostic codes	or cerebral palsy with the inability to walk independently as result of one of these conditions		disability (aged 18-64)	that high level of support from other sources, such as family	time of enrollment, and meet any additional program specific eligibility conditions in the PACE program agreement
Is there a waiting list?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Where to apply?	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies
What is the level of care requirement?	Hospital or nursing facility level of care	Nursing facility level of care	Hospital or nursing facility level of care	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities	Nursing facility level of care	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities	Nursing facility level of care
Who determines the eligible person's needs?	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Member Case manager Family or legal guardian	Participant Representative PACE IDT

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program services are available?	 Adult Day Services Behavioral Management and Education Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Day treatment Home Delivered Meals Home Modification Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) Medication Reminder Mental Health Counseling Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care (with Remote Supports options) 	 Adult Day Services Alternative Care Facilities Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services (with Remote Supports options) Life Skills Training Medication Reminder Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care (with Remote Supports options) 	 Adult Day Services Complementary and Integrative Health Services (Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Massage) Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services (with Remote Supports options) In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Life Skills Training Medication Reminder Non-Medical Transportation 	 Behavioral Services Day Habilitation (Specialized Habilitation, Supported Community Connections) Dental Services Home Delivered Meals Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Prevocational Services Residential Habilitation Services (24-hour individual or group) Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies 	 Adult Day Services Alternative Care Facilities Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Home Modifications Homemaker Services (with Remote Supports options) In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Life Skills Training Medication Reminder Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care (with Remote Supports options) 	 Assistive Technology Behavioral Services Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) Day Habilitation Services (Specialized Habilitation, Supported Community Connections) Dental Services Health Maintenance Activities Home Delivered Meals Home Modifications Homemaker Services (with Remote Supports options) Life Skills Training 	All Medicare and Medicaid-covered services including but not limited to: • Adult Day Services • Dental Services • Durable Medical Equipment • Emergency Services • End of Life Care • Home Care Services • Hospital Care • Laboratory/ X-Ray • Long-term Care Facility • Meals • Mental Health Services • Nursing Services

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	 Personalized Emergency Response System (PERS) Respite Care Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies Substance Abuse Counseling Supported Living Program Transition Set Up Transitional Living Program 	 Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Respite Care Transition Set Up 	 Peer Mentorship Personal Care (with Remote Supports options) Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Respite Care Transition Set Up 	 Supported Employment Transition Set Up Vision Services 	 Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Respite Care Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies Transition Set Up 	 Mentorship Non-Medical Transportation Peer Mentorship Personal Care (with Remote Supports options) Personalized Emergency Response System (PERS) Prevocational Services Professional Services (Includes Hippotherapy, Massage and Movement Therapy) Respite Services Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies Supported Employment 	 Nutritional Counseling Occupational Therapy Personal Care Physical Therapy Prescription Drugs (Participants will get Medicare Part D-covered drugs and all other necessary drugs from PACE. Joining a separate drug plan is considered a voluntary disenrollment from PACE). Preventive Care Primary Care Recreational Therapy Respite Services Social Services

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						 Transition Set Up Vehicle Modifications Vision Services 	 Social Work Counseling Specialists (Cardiology, Optometry, Podiatry, Urology, etc.) Transportation Other services determined necessary by the IDT
Who selects the service providers?	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Member/Guardian	Participant/ Designated Representative
Who provides case management?	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)	Single Entry Point (SEP) Agencies	Community Centered Boards (CCB)	PACE Interdisciplinary Team (IDT)
What state/ federal organizations administer this waiver or program?	Health Care Policy and Financing;	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Centers for Medicare

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	and Medicaid Services (CMS)	and Medicaid Services (CMS)	and Medicaid Services (CMS)	and Medicaid Services (CMS)	and Medicaid Services (CMS)	and Medicaid Services (CMS)	and Medicaid Services (CMS)
What laws and regulations govern the waiver or program?	C.R.S. 25.5-6.701-706, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300-310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.515	C.R.S. 25.5-6-601-607, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300-310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.509	C.R.S. 25.5-6-13.01- 13.04 as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300- 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.517	C.R.S. 27-10.5-101- 103, as amended; C.R.S. 25.5-6-401- 411, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300- 310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.500	C.R.S. 25.5-6-301-313, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300-310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10.C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.485	C.R.S. 7-10.5-101- 103, as amended; C.R.S. 25.5-6-401- 411, as amended; 42 C.F.R. 441.300-310 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.500.90	42 CFR Part 460; C.R.S. 25.5-5-412; C.R.S. 25.5-6-106
Waiver or program website	hcpf.colorado.gov/ brain-injury-waiver-bi	hcpf.colorado.gov/ community-mental- health-supports- waiver-cmhs	hcpf.colorado.gov/ complementary- integrative-health- waiver-cih	hcpf.colorado.gov/ developmental- disabilities-waiver-dd	hcpf.colorado.gov/ elderly-blind- disabled-waiver-ebd	hcpf.colorado.gov/ supported-living- services-waiver-sls	hcpf.colorado.gov/ program-all-inclusive- care-elderly

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State contact	303-866-3684	303-866-3684	303-866-3684	303-866-3684	303-866-3684	303-866-3684	303-866-2993
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