



**COLORADO**

Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

## Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendments Fact Sheet

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The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) intends to submit 1915(c) waiver amendments to continue with certain flexibilities obtained during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers:

- Children's Extensive Supports (CES) waiver
- Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver

HCPF will accept public comments from October 11, 2023, through November 9, 2023. The Department intends to submit the amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on November 10, 2023. HCPF will request an effective date of January 1, 2024 for the amendments.

Explanations of changes within the waiver applications can be found below.

**Public Comments will be accepted from October 11, 2023, through November 9, 2023.**

### Summary of Changes

#### Continuation of Homemaker Services

In response to the ending of the PHE, HCPF is seeking to permanently allow the flexibility for legally responsible persons to provide Homemaker services to CES waiver members. HCPF will be instituting a yearly limit of 2080 units which equates to ten (10) hours per week for Homemaker services.

#### Continuation of Community Connector

In response to the ending of the PHE, HCPF is seeking to permanently allow the flexibility for legally responsible persons to provide Community Connector services to CES and CHRP waiver members. HCPF will be instituting a yearly limit of 2080 units which equates to ten (10) hours per week for Community Connector service (CES, CHRP).

## Public Comment Opportunity

HCPF will post drafts of the waiver amendment applications on the [HCBS Public Comment Opportunities website](#) for public comment.

- HCPF will make available a draft of the waiver amendments for a 30-day public comment period from October 11, 2023, through November 9, 2023.
- HCPF commits to incorporating comments, concerns, and suggestions when and wherever possible.
- All comments and responses will be recorded in a listening log that will be posted on HCPF's website after the public comment period ends.

To request a paper or electronic copy of the waiver amendments including the full draft waiver and/or to provide public comment, please do so by:

- Phone: 303-866-3684
- Email: [HCPF\\_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us)
- Postal Mail: Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, 303 E 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80203, ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments
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