

INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to remind HCBS Providers that 2024 Base Wage Attestation process is due by Aug. 31, 2024.

Information:

Effective July 1, 2024, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) approved a \$17.00 per hour Base Wage requirement for all direct care workers in Colorado's HCBS settings. In addition, the base wage requirement was increased to \$18.29 per hour in Denver. Home and Community Based-Services (HCBS) Providers are required to complete the 2024 Base Wage attestation forms to demonstrate their compliance with the base wage increase by Aug. 30, 2024, per 10 CCR 2505-10 8.511. HCBS services required this base wage can be found on the <u>Direct Care Workforce Base Wage</u> page.

All HCBS service providers who have not submitted the required attestation form will be posted publicly and HCPF will start claim payment suspensions on Sept. 1, 2024. Once a provider submits the attestation form as required, claim payment suspension

will be lifted, and payments will resume. The attestation form can be found in the <u>Workforce Development</u> section of the Resources for HCBS Providers webpage and attached here.

Attachment(s):

None

HCPF Contact:

The attestation forms can be found in the <u>Workforce Development</u> section of the Resources for HCBS Providers webpage.

If needed, please contact:

 $\underline{\mathsf{HCPF_BaseWage@state.co.us}} for \ questions \ about \ the \ attestation \ form \ or \ reporting \ requirements.$

 $\underline{\mathsf{HCPF}_\mathsf{HCBS}_\mathsf{Questions@state.co.us}}$ for questions about waiver services and rate increase.