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The Honorable Daneya Esgar, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
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Dear Representative Esgar:

Enclosed please find a legislative request for information to the Joint Budget Committee from the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing as part of the combined legislative requests for information (RFIs) for FY 2019-20 for the Committee's review.

Page 5 states "Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Medical Services Premiums -- The Department is requested to submit a report by December 1, 2019, concerning the savings related to transitioning clients out of institutions into the community through the Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) program. The report should include the following information:

- *the number of CCT clients who transitioned or were in the process of transitioning to the community in FY 2018-19;*
- *the number of CCT clients who returned to an institution in FY 2018-19 after transitioning to the community;*
- *expenditures of state and federal funds for transition services provided to CCT clients in FY 2018-19;*
- *the average per person expenditure of state and federal funds for medical and home and community based services provided to CCT clients in FY 2018-19; and*
- *the average per person expenditure of state and federal funds for comparable institutional services for CCT clients in FY 2018-19."*

Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) is a demonstration program of the national Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative, designed to assist Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members who are interested in transitioning out of long-term care facilities back



into home and community-based settings. However, members are no longer enrolling in this program as of January 1, 2019 due to legislation passing (House Bill 18-1326) to sustain transition services in the Medicaid State Plan and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. Colorado is the first state in the nation to add critical services from an MFP demonstration grant as ongoing services in Colorado's Medicaid program. The demonstration program will officially end December 31, 2020.

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Nina Schwartz, at Nina.Schwartz@state.co.us or 303-866-6912.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Request for Information: Colorado Choice Transitions Program

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I. Legislative Request for Information

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- the average per person expenditure of state and federal funds for comparable institutional services for CCT clients in FY 2018-19.”

II. Background

Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) is a demonstration program of the national Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative, designed to assist Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members who are interested in transitioning out of long-term care facilities back into home and community-based settings. CCT provides members access to State Plan benefits, Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers and CCT-enhanced transition services and supports aimed at promoting independence for 365 days of enrollment.

The demonstration program will officially end December 31, 2020. However, members are no longer enrolling in this program as of January 1, 2019 due to legislation passing (House Bill 18-1326) to sustain transition services in the Medicaid State Plan and Home and Community Based waivers.

Signed April 30, 2018, HB 18-1326: Support For Transition From Institutional Settings directed the Department to provide community transition services and

supports to persons who are in facility settings, who are eligible for Medicaid, and who desire to transition to a home or community-based setting. Due to significant stakeholder feedback, the program became effective on January 1, 2019, through execution of an Emergency Rule, and final rules and regulations were adopted April 30, 2019.

III. Information

A. Number of CCT Clients Who Transitioned or Were in the Process of Transitioning to the Community in FY 2018-2019

| | FY 18-19 |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Total Clients Enrolled in CCT | 259 |
| Total Clients Who Transitioned | 173 |

B. Number of CCT Clients Who Returned to a Facility in FY 2018-2019 After Transitioning to the Community in FY 2018-2019

Numbers of 30 or less cannot be reported to protect confidentiality in compliance with HIPAA Safe Harbor requirements. For this reason, the Department is unable to share data for only FY 2018-19. Data below reflect the timespan of the entire CCT demonstration program from 2013 to 2019.

| | Entire CCT Program |
|--|--------------------|
| Total CCT Members Re-institutionalized | 61 |
| Total CCT Members Re-institutionalized within 1 year of Transition | 39 |
| Total CCT Members Who Transitioned | 569 |

C. Expenditures of State and Federal Funds for Transition Services Provided to CCT Clients in FY 2018-19

| | FY 18-19 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total CCT Expenditures | \$3,916,175* |
| Per Member Per Month CCT Expenditures | \$2,199 |

*Of the \$3,916,175, \$1,958,088 (50%) is General Fund and \$1,958,087 (50%) is federal grant funds.

D. Average Per Person Expenditure of State and Federal Funds for Medical and Home and Community Based Services Provided to CCT Clients in FY 2018-19

| | FY 18-19 |
|--|-----------------|
| State Plan Services (Medical) (Per Member Per Month) | \$2,545 |
| HCBS Waiver Services (Non-CCT) (Per Member Per Month) | \$1,086 |

E. Average Per Person Expenditures of State and Federal Funds for Comparable Institutional Services for CCT Clients in FY 2018-2019

| | FY 18-19 |
|--|-----------------|
| Nursing Facility (Per Member Per Month) | \$6,201 |