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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform all stakeholders about upcoming changes to expand the Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver and the opportunity for stakeholder input throughout the process.

Information:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) has received approval through [HB18-1328](#) to expand the Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver.

The CHRP waiver provides residential services for children and youth in foster care who have a developmental disability and very high needs. CHRP is the last remaining Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver administered by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). The current CHRP eligibility requirement that the child be in foster care often forces families to relinquish their custodial rights over their child so the child can qualify for the vital services and supports that the CHRP waiver provides.

The legislation's key changes include to:

1. Remove the requirement that the child be in foster care.
2. Move the administration of the CHRP waiver from the CDHS to the Department.

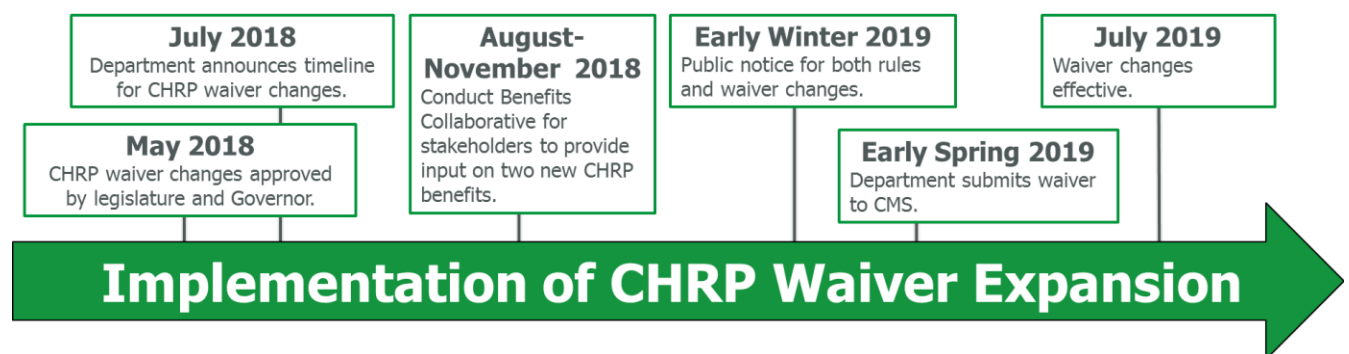
3. Change case management from child welfare agencies to Case Management Agencies (specifically Community Centered Boards-CCBs).
4. Add services to the waiver to mitigate the need for an out of home placement and facilitate returns to the home once stabilized.

The Department will work closely with CDHS, counties, providers, and CCBs on the technical aspects of removing child welfare requirements, moving the administration of the waiver, and transitioning case management. The Department will engage stakeholders on the design of the two new benefits within the waiver to determine how best to meet the needs of waiver participants. The Department is also leveraging and aligning other initiatives, like Waiver Redesign, to ensure consistency and coordination. The key changes will be implemented with the renewal of the CHRP waiver in July 2019.

Stakeholder Engagement through Benefits Collaborative:

The Benefits Collaborative process is the Department's formal, public, policy development process. The process is used to define benefits (e.g. what services are covered and under what conditions) in a manner that is transparent to, and inclusive of, all stakeholders, using evidence-based guidelines. The Department will host a Benefits Collaborative kick-off meeting in August 2018. To indicate your interest in participating, contact Kimberley.smith@state.co.us. To learn more about the Benefits Collaborative process, visit [our website](#).

Timeline for Implementing CHRP Waiver Changes:



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