



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to provide the House Bill (HB) 18-1407 rate sheet and proposed regulations for public review and comment.

Information:

Passed in 2018, HB 18-1407 requires the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) to implement a 6.5% increase in the reimbursement rate for certain Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) provided to individuals receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities, Supported Living Services, and Children's Extensive Support waivers.

The increase applies to:

- Group Residential Services and Supports
- Individual Residential Services and Supports
- Specialized Habilitation
- Respite
- Homemaker Basic
- Homemaker Enhanced
- Personal Care
- Prevocational Services
- Behavioral Line Staff

- Community Connector
- Supported Community Connections
- Mentorship
- Supported Employment – Job Development
- Supported Employment – Job Coaching

The identified Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) fee schedule will be updated to reflect the 6.5% increase and posted under HCBS fee schedule on March 1, 2019. To ensure providers are aware of the rates being implemented with HB 18-1407 the Department has created a HB 18-1407 specific fee schedule. The Spending Plan Authorization Limits (SPALs) have been updated to include the 6.5% increase and are posted on the HB 18-1407 fee schedule. The fee schedule can be found at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/provider-rates-fee-schedule>.

In addition, the Department has posted for public review proposed regulations for the implementation of HB 18-1407. These regulations cover the use of the funds, reporting requirements, and auditing requirement. Please find the proposed regulations at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/OCL-stakeholder-engagement>.

Attachments:

Proposed Regulations

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