



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform stakeholders of the changes to the meeting times for upcoming opportunities for stakeholder engagement related to certain aspects of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Children's Extensive Support (CES) waiver. The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) will be hosting a series of at least three stakeholder meetings. One of these meetings has been held. The following two are outlined below.

### **Background:**

The HCBS-CES waiver offers members with specific long-term services and supports needs an extra set of benefits for those that qualify. The benefits are intended to help a member remain in their home or community of choice. The HCBS-CES waiver strives to help children and families by providing services and supports that will help children establish a long-term foundation for community inclusion as they grow into adulthood.

The Department, in its mission to improve health care access and outcomes for the people we serve, has heard feedback from stakeholders stating that certain aspects of the waiver could be improved upon. The Department hopes to gather additional information, but more importantly to collaborate with stakeholders on improvements to the waiver.

**Information:**

The Department is committed to improving the HCBS-CES waiver within the existing limitations of statute, regulation and policy. The focus of this stakeholder engagement is to develop processes, trainings and language that help members better understand and access the services and benefits available within the waiver while remaining in statutory compliance at state and federal levels.

**UPDATED CES Waiver Stakeholder Meetings Schedule:****Wednesday January 30, 2019 – Completed as Scheduled**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

303 E. 17th Ave., Denver, CO 80203

**Tuesday March 19, 2019**

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

303 E. 17th Ave., Denver, CO 80203

**Tuesday April 16, 2019**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

303 E. 17th Ave., Denver, CO 80203

Please e-mail [Lindsay.westlund@hcpf.state.co.us](mailto:Lindsay.westlund@hcpf.state.co.us) to be added to the list of stakeholders interested in this work. An agenda with meeting topic, location, call-in information and webinar information will be sent out at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting. Updated information will also be added to the Office of Community Living Stakeholder Engagement page at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/OCL-stakeholder-engagement>.

**Attachment(s):**

None

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