



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (IRSS) STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOTIFICATION</b>
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<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<b>APRIL 23, 2021</b>
<b>DIVISION AND OFFICE:</b>	<b>BENEFITS &amp; SERVICES MANAGEMENT DIVISION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIVING</b>
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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform stakeholders of an upcoming meeting hosted by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) to discuss and receive feedback on the most recently proposed changes to how Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS) homes are regulated. This meeting is open to all interested stakeholders, including Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver members, guardians and relatives, advocates, providers, and Case Management Agencies.

### **Information:**

In 2019, the Department worked with stakeholders, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs on changes to the residential habilitation services within the Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver. Through that work with our partners, the Department made programmatic changes to

the residential habilitation and IRSS regulations. Since the conclusion of that work, there have been several areas identified where additional oversight is needed within the IRSS benefit. The Department is seeking to make additional revisions to the regulations that will enhance the safety for all members residing in IRSS settings.

### Stakeholder Engagement Opportunity

The Department seeks to engage providers, waiver members, family members, advocates, and case managers through a stakeholder meeting to discuss these proposed changes to IRSS. The Department will share draft revisions to the regulations two weeks prior to the April 23, 2021 meeting. The draft regulations will be posted to the [OCL Stakeholder Engagement](#) page under the IRSS Stakeholder Workgroup tab. During this meeting, stakeholders will have opportunities to provide comments, suggestions and ask questions regarding the proposed approach to IRSS. Stakeholders interested in this topic are encouraged to hold the date for the following engagement opportunity:

### **Engagement Opportunity for IRSS Stakeholders**

#### **Date and Time:**

Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

#### **Join by Adobe Connect:**

<https://cohcpf.adobeconnect.com/irssguide/>

#### **Join by Phone:**

Toll-Free: 877-820-7831, Participant Code: 516148 #

#### **Attachment:**

None

#### **Department Contact:**

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