



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>RESPITE GRANT REQUEST FOR APPLICATION DRAFT FOR STAKEHOLDER REVIEW</b>
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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform stakeholders of an upcoming grant opportunity regarding respite services. Before the grant application is published, the Department is seeking input from stakeholders to ensure the grant application includes all necessary components.

### **Information:**

Stakeholders have repeatedly expressed what a critical service respite is for caregivers. As such, part of the American Recuse Plan Act (ARPA) spending plan Colorado put forward to approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was to provide grants for increased access to respite for caregivers/families of members.

The Department has developed a grant application for making grants available to organizations who support respite services for parents, grandparents, child caregivers of aging parents or family, and could be expanded to include other members of a household that also are not usually afforded respite but could also benefit from respite.

Applicants will submit a proposal to expand their ability to provide respite services, or to extend funding for respite care supports (such as a voucher program). These funds are not intended to supplant the current respite benefits available under Health First Colorado or other programs but will be used to enhance and expand the availability of respite services.

To ensure the grant application collects all the necessary information and that the information requested is feasible to produce, the Department is asking stakeholders to review the draft request for application and provide any feedback or suggested changes. Stakeholders are asked to review and provide feedback, questions, and suggestions to [HCPF\\_HCBS\\_Questions@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us) by **July 15, 2022**.

**Attachment(s):**

Draft Grant Application

**Department Contact:**

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