



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform case managers, members, providers, and stakeholders about the end of the reimbursement for nationally recognized supported employment training as described in Senate Bill 18-145.

Information:

Senate Bill 18-145 was enacted on July 1, 2019, as recommended by the Employment First Advisory Partnership, to reimburse providers for completing nationally

recognized supported employment training. Under SB 18-145, providers of Supported Employment services were given 5 years to complete nationally recognized supported employment training. **As of June 30, 2024, SB 18-145 reached the 5-year deadline.**

Through SB18-145, Supported Employment Services in Colorado have seen an improvement in quality and successful outcomes. Individuals with disabilities experienced a high level of support and knowledge while looking to improve their quality of life through employment.

As noted in Senate Bill18-145, the requirement for nationally recognized supported employment training was subject to the availability of appropriations for reimbursement. As of June 30, 2024, appropriations were no longer available for reimbursement, and therefore, there is no longer a requirement for nationally recognized supported employment training.

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) continues to value the importance of specialized training for our providers. While nationally recognized supported employment training is no longer required, HCPF continues to strongly encourage supported employment training with an emphasis on the universal employment competencies and employment first principles.

For more information about supported employment training, please visit the [HCPF supported employment page](#), or send an email to HCPF_supported.employment@state.co.us.

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