



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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<b>Title:</b> Community Connector Service Rate Change in Children’s Extensive Supports (CES) & Children’s Habilitative Residential Program (CHRP) Waivers	<b>Topic:</b> HCBS-Multiple
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### Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Members, families, Case Management Agencies, and Provider Agencies of a rate reduction for the Community Connector service under the Children’s Extensive Supports (CES) waiver and the Children’s Habilitative Residential Program (CHRP) waivers.

### Information:

#### What is changing:

To align rates across services and support long-term program sustainability, HCPF is implementing a 15% reduction to the Community Connector rate, pending federal approval.

**When this takes effect:**

January 1, 2026, if approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). If CMS does not approve, current rates remain in effect until further notice.

**New and current rates:**

The rate varies by region (outside Denver County / Denver County). All rates are per 15-minute unit and per hour.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Current per 15-min</b>	<b>Current per hour</b>	<b>New per 15-min</b>	<b>New per hour</b>	<b>Change</b>
Non-Denver	\$12.22	\$48.88	\$10.39	\$41.56	-\$1.83 (-\$7.32/hr)
Denver	\$12.56	\$50.24	\$10.67	\$42.70	-\$1.89 (-\$7.56/hr)

**Why HCPF is making this change:**

In light of a significant state budget shortfall, HCPF is aligning rates based on service scope, training requirements, and comparability to similar services to ensure sustainability of Colorado's Medicaid program. (Community Connector has different training requirements than certain licensed services; the rate is being aligned accordingly.)

**Definition(s):**

None

**Attachment(s):**

None

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