



## OPERATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform providers and service agencies impacted by the wage pass-through requirements of Senate Bill 19-238 that the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) has activated the Reporting Tool within the Provider Portal in order for providers and service agencies to report on these requirements. The Reporting Tool is now open for Year 2 reporting and will close on 12/31/2021. The reporting period includes 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021. Refer to HCPF [Memo IM 20-054](#) for a reminder on how to navigate the Reporting Tool within the Provider Portal.

### **Information:**

#### Background:

CRS 25.5-6-1602 and CRS 25.5-6-1603 ([Senate Bill 19-238](#)) along with the Department rules in 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.505 specify provider and Department responsibilities involving Medicaid reimbursements for services.

Direct Support Professional means a worker who assists a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead a fulfilling life in the community through a diverse



range of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver services or any Home Care Agency employee who provides personal care services, homemaker services, or in-home support services to long-term service and supports consumers.

Direct Care Workers are paid frontline workers who provide hands-on care, services, and support to older adults and individuals with disabilities across the long-term services and supports continuum, from home and community-based settings to skilled nursing facilities.

**Information:**

Senate Bill 19-238 requires providers and service agencies who billed for the following HCBS waiver services to report how the funding was passed through to Direct Support Professionals: Homemaker Basic, Homemaker Enhanced, Personal Care, and In-Home Support Services (IHSS).

Providers and service agencies must report how this increased funding was passed through to Direct Support Professional's compensation during Year 2, which includes the period of 7/1/2020 through and including 6/30/2021. As such, reporting for Year 2 is due no later than 12/31/2021.

The Department has activated the Reporting Tool within the Provider Portal in order for the provider and service agencies to report on this requirement.

**Attachment(s):**

None

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Contact the Provider Services Call Center at 1-844-235-2387 with questions regarding the Provider Portal.