



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Providers and Case Management Agencies (CMAs) of the resumption of in-person inspections for the following settings and services:

- Individual Residential Support Services (IRSS—Host Home, Provider Owned or Leased) settings
- Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation benefits on the Brain Injury (BI), Children’s Extensive Supports (CES), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD), Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS) waivers.



Information:

On March 26, 2020, in-person inspections for all Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation projects and IRSS — Host Home and Provider Owned or Leased Settings were suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

The Division of Housing (DOH) conducts inspections under an interagency agreement with the Department for all Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation projects and IRSS — Host Home and Provider Owned or Leased Settings. Effective September 28, 2021, in-person inspections for all Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation projects and IRSS may resume following the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations for social distancing and safety.

The following procedures are currently required and will be in place for all inspections of Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation projects and inspections for IRSS Settings; however, DOLA may adjust these procedures as required by new CDC or CDPHE guidance in the future:

1. Every inspector will complete a daily health assessment before reporting to work. Should they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had potential exposure to it, they will not perform inspections or otherwise interact with the public.
2. If any resident of the home to be inspected has exhibited any symptoms or has had potential exposure to COVID-19, the inspection will be rescheduled.
3. Every inspector will wear a mask, and all residents inside the home during the inspection are expected to follow all current mask recommendations as outlined by the CDC or local authorities. If any resident is unable to wear a mask, they will be asked to leave the home during the inspection.
4. Every inspector will practice social distancing and will maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from residents. We ask that all residents try to stay at least 6 feet away from inspectors.
5. Every inspector will have a personal supply of hand sanitizer and will disinfect before and after each inspection.

Attachment(s):

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