



## OPERATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform Children’s Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) waiver case management providers of the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) changes to Cost Containment Form and Continued Stay Review (CSR) requirements for members enrolled in the CHCBS waiver.

### **Information:**

The Medical Services Board has approved the Department’s revision to the Medical Assistance Rule concerning CHCBS Cost Containment Rule Revision, Section 8.506, which will take effect May 1, 2022.

CHCBS regulation 10 CCR 2505-10 8.506.3.E defines cost containment as, “the determination that, on an average aggregate basis, the cost of providing care in the community is less than or the same as the cost of providing care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. ”Further at 10 CCR 2505-10 8.506.12, regulations outline the process by which the case manager, the Department, and the Utilization Review Contractor (URC), shall implement cost containment specifically for the CHCBS waiver. The Department

must track an individual's cost to Colorado's Medicaid program to ensure cost-effectiveness when enrolling onto the CHCBS waiver. Historically, the CHCBS Cost Containment Form was utilized as a means to ensure individual cost-effectiveness.

Because the Cost Containment Form and process is outdated and does not provide the Department with the reliable data on cost as initially intended, the requirements for its usage have been removed from the Code of Colorado Regulations.

**Procedure:**

Beginning May 1, 2022, CHCBS case management providers shall discontinue the use of the Cost Containment form. Case managers shall continue to complete service planning for individuals ensuring services and supports are authorized using the most cost-effective methods available.

For quality assurance regarding member eligibility for the CHCBS waiver, the URC, Telligen, will now review functional targeting criteria for waiver eligibility upon initial enrollment, any time there is a significant change in the member's condition (Unscheduled Review) and at annual redetermination (Continued Stay Review, or CSR). The new CSR requirement will align with the already established requirement that all members who receive In-Home Support Services (IHSS) have an annual review by Telligen. CHCBS CSR reviews for members who receive IHSS should be submitted as a combined CHCBS/IHSS review to the vendor.

Case managers will submit CHCBS cases to the Telligen portal for review following the guidance provided by Telligen for targeting criteria reviews found on the [Long-Term Services and Supports Training webpage](#) under the header Telligen's Qualitrac Review and Provider Portal.

**Attachment(s):**

None

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