



## OPERATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

This operational memo explains the Department's updates to the Health First Colorado Buy-in Program for Children with Disabilities (CBwD) effective December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This operational memo is intended for County Department of Human/Social Services eligibility staff, supervisors, as well as Medicaid Assistance Sites and Eligibility Application Partners.

### **Information:**

In alignment with The Family Opportunity Act 1902(cc)(2)(A)- The Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities will now require families to enroll in medical family coverage offered through an employer-based group health plan if they are eligible and if the employer contributes at least 50% towards the plan premiums.

Changes to the Buy-in Program for Children with Disabilities will also include applying the income allocations and disregards found in 10 CCR 2505-10 8.100.5.H that are

currently applied to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled programs. This correction will allow appropriate income disregard calculations to be utilized, which will improve the eligibility determination process.

### System Changes

CBMS was updated with project CPPM-9349 in December 2024 to implement the changes described in this memo. The updates will reflect new fields for the income disregards and the employer sponsored family insurance coverage.

PEAK was updated with project CPPM-9349 in December 2024 to implement the changes described in this memo. The updates will reflect new fields for the employer sponsored family insurance coverage.

### Training

A Web-Based Training (WBT) was updated to reflect these updates to the Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities. The training in CoLearn is called "Health First Colorado Buy-In WBT."

### **Action To Be Taken:**

Eligibility Sites should ensure these updated guidelines are being applied in order to comply with eligibility requirements for applicants and members of the Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities.

### **Attachment(s):**

None

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