



POLICY MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

This policy memo explains the Department's addition of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver to the Health First Colorado Buy-in Program for Working Adults with Disabilities (WAWD) and is intended for County Department of Human/Social Services eligibility staff, supervisors, as well as Medicaid Assistance Sites.

Background:

The Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities (WAWD) allows adults with a disability who qualify to "buy-into" Health First Colorado. In addition to regular Health First Colorado benefits, members may also qualify for additional long-term services and supports via HCBS waivers. This policy change is due to Colorado Senate Bill 21-039, which allows individuals that are working adults with disabilities who also meet the functional level of care for the Developmental Disabilities

Waiver to also access that Waiver's services in addition to State Plan services provided through the Working Adults with Disabilities Medicaid Buy-In program.

Waivers available under WAwD:

With the addition of the Developmental Disability waiver, the following waivers are available in conjunction with Working Adults with Disabilities:

- Brain Injury Waiver
- Community Mental Health Supports Waiver
- Complementary and Integrative Health Waiver
- Developmental Disability Waiver
- Elderly, Blind and Disabled Waiver
- Supported Living Services Waiver

CBMS changes:

CBMS was updated with project CPPM-6914 in December 2022 to allow the DD waiver with WAwD. Additionally, a Mass Update (MU) ran eligibility on all active MA members with an LOC type of DD in HCBS. Any members who met all eligibility requirements for WAwD will approve for WAwD with additional LTC (HCBS DD) coverage starting 1/1/2023.

Training:

As of 12/5/2022, a Web-Based Training (WBT) was updated to reflect the addition of the DD waiver to WAwD. The training in CoLearn is called "Health First Colorado Buy-In Program WB.

Attachments:

[Health First Colorado Buy-In Program For Working Adults With Disabilities](#)

[Developmental Disabilities Waiver \(DD\)](#)

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