



**COLORADO**

Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

Dear Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Provider,

Please review the following information regarding rate increases and reporting requirements for HCBS providers.

**HCBS Rate Increases for Denver Minimum Wage**

The Colorado General Assembly approved an increase to provider rates in the [Long Bill House Bill \(HB\) 20-1360](#) for some HCBS providers effective January 1, 2021. The rate increase approved is specifically targeted to providers rendering services to members residing in the City and County of Denver (Denver Minimum Wage Rate Increase).

Per [Senate Bill \(SB\) 19-238](#), some providers are required to pass through 85% of the Denver Minimum Wage Rate Increase to Direct Care Workers and report compliance to the Department. All new rates and spending limits will be posted to the [Provider Rates & Fee Schedule web page](#).

Refer to the corresponding [Policy Memo HCPF OM 20-089](#) or contact [HCPF\\_HCBS\\_Questions@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us) for more information.

**SB 19-238 Reporting Timelines for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020**

[SB 19-238](#) requires the Department to implement an 8.1% increase in the reimbursement rate for certain HCBS which includes Homemaker Basic, Homemaker Enhanced, Personal Care and In-Home Support Services. The legislation also requires that 100% of the increase for FY 2019-2020 be passed through to direct care workers. Reporting for FY 2019-2020 will be done in the Provider Web Portal between November 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020. If the reporting process for SB 19-238 is not completed, the Department may recoup part or all of the funding resulting from the increase in the reimbursement rate.

The Department will contact the chief financial officers of impacted providers directly with additional instructions on how to submit information in the portal in order to comply with the legislation.

Contact the [Provider Services Call Center](#) at 1-844-235-2387 with questions regarding the Provider Web Portal. Contact the Department at [hcpf\\_wage\\_pass\\_through@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_wage_pass_through@state.co.us) with questions about compliance or reporting for the legislative mandate SB 19-238.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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