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**Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing**

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1570 Grant Street
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The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor

Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative McCluskie:

In accordance with § 25.5-6-409.3 (4), C.R.S., the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) respectfully submits its quarterly status report on the redesign of a consolidated Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). However, with this submission, the Department is requesting the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) relieve the Department of the requirement for the Quarterly Waiver Redesign report.

C.R.S. § 25.5-6-409.3 (4) required the JBC to establish a notification and review process for the Department to report on the waiver redesign and consolidation efforts of the Home and Community Based Services Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) and Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waivers. After significant work with stakeholders, the Department projects it would cost \$441 million over a 6-year period to consolidate these two waiver programs. There was not an appropriation to complete the consolidation and as such compliance with this legislation is not possible.

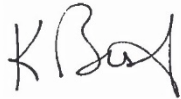
Because of the significant fiscal impact of waiver consolidation, the Department continues to advance the goals of freedom of choice, community and recreational opportunities, individual authority over supports and services, and opportunity for community contribution within existing resources and under the federal HCBS American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Background information on the consolidated waiver is available on the Waiver Redesign Stakeholder Engagement [website](#). The Department will continue to ensure the JBC receives necessary updates about the Intellectual and Developmental Disability population through other methods. This includes the Annual update on House Bill 14-1051: Developmental Disabilities Strategic Plan, quarterly ARPA updates, and the annual presentation of the Department budget to the JBC.

We strongly believe this will provide a reduction in administrative burden and allow for continued efficiencies in policy alignment. The Department truly appreciates your partnership on this matter and your consideration of our request. If you require

further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Jo Donlin, at Jo.Donlin@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KB' followed by a stylized surname.

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