



Office of Community Living Update Webinar

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Agenda

- American Rescue Plan Act Update
- Office of Community Living Updates:
 - New Day Program and Transportation Guidance
 - Legislative Activities and Next Steps
 - Case Management Redesign

American Rescue Plan Act Update

Section 9817 of ARPA

- Within ARPA, there is a provision outlining additional funding to support **increased access to home and community-based services (HCBS)** for Medicaid beneficiaries
- HCBS are benefits which provide **older adults and individuals with disabilities** critical services in their homes and communities

Eligible Services

- 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based (HCBS) Waivers
- Personal Care
- Targeted Case Management
- Home Health Care
- Private Duty Nursing
- Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
- Behavioral Health

Potential Fiscal Impact

- 10% enhanced match available only for eligible services
- States may spend the funding on both services and administrative activities
- Enhanced match reinvested in eligible services may receive the enhanced match one additional time
- Lower bound of estimated funding is over \$550 million - depending on investment strategies funds may be around \$600-700 million

Joint Budget Committee Bill

- A bill was required in order for the Department to have **spending authority** over the funds
- The Department worked collaboratively with the Governor's Office and the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) to draft a bill that *incorporated initial feedback*
- The [JBC Sponsored Bill SB21-286](#) - Passed Senate and House Appropriations committees

5/13 Federal Guidance Takeaways

- The provision will increase Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid HCBS spending by 10 percentage points from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022
- The bill specifies that states must use the enhanced funds to “implement, or supplement the implementation of, one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen” Medicaid HCBS
- States must maintain service, eligibility, and rate structure that was in place on April 1, 2021 (*not to include PHE provisions*)
- States must spend the money by March 31, 2024
- *States must submit a spending plan by June 12, 2021*

Plan Development

- **Initial Efforts:**

- Reviewed existing recommendations
- Identified priorities from the legislative session
- Gathered stakeholder feedback
 - Discussed potential for these funds with advocacy, trade organizations & in ongoing stakeholder meetings

- **Recent Efforts:**

- Collaborated with stakeholders through a series of meetings and still collecting feedback and recommendations through email, messages, and [a survey](#) (final day to respond to the survey is TODAY!)

North Star

- Supercharge existing initiatives, foster innovation and advance long-term transformative systems change
- Support the COVID-19 response and recovery
- Outcome driven - demand quality and good fiscal stewardship
- Recommendations do not create a funding cliff

Proposed Plan

- *10 Overarching Priorities* - Encompass over 130 ideas from stakeholders
- Must be *specific enough* to include in the spending plan, but *broad enough* to allow us to figure out exact details in the coming weeks/months

Priorities

Rate Increase and Wage Passthrough

Home & Community-Based Services
Innovation

Post-COVID Recovery and Innovation

Improving Crisis & Acute Services to
Keep People in Their Communities

Improving Access to HCBS for
Underserved Populations

Emergency Preparedness

Improve Quality Outcomes

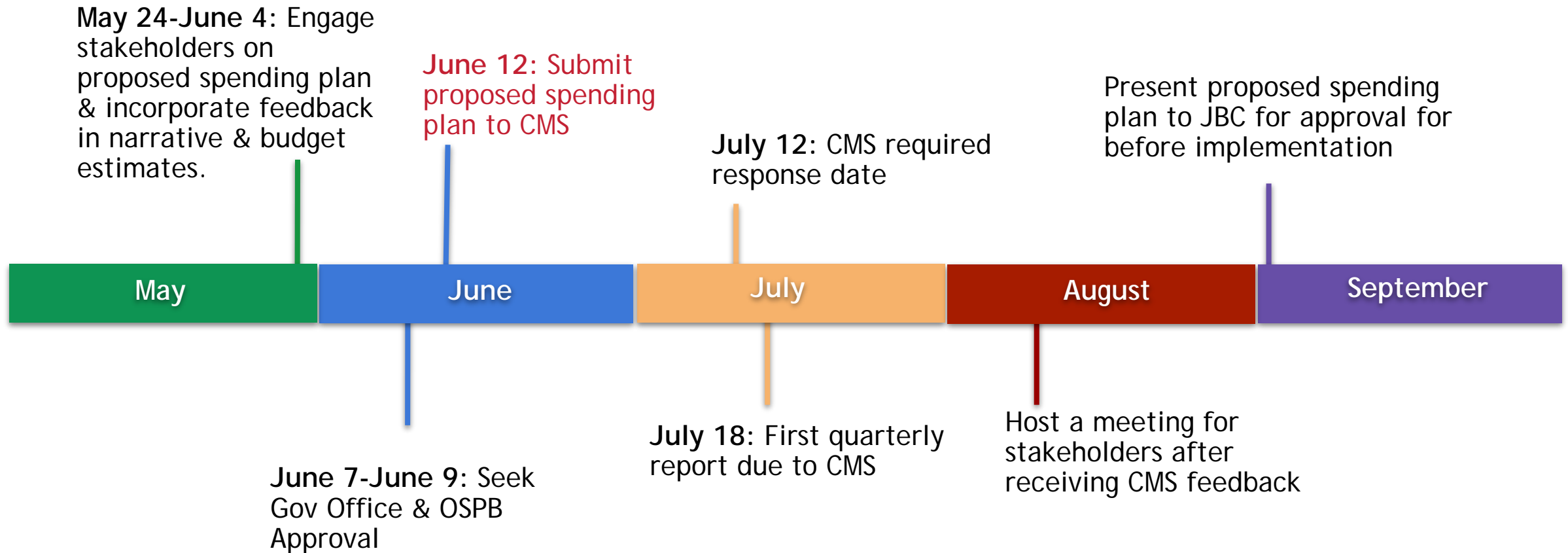
Strengthening the Workforce

Case Management Redesign

Investing in Tools & Technology

Timeline

May-September 2021



Next Steps

- Spending plan must be submitted to CMS by June 12, 2021
- Once approved, we will host a stakeholder meeting to review our plan in detail and discuss next steps for engagement

Stay Informed! Visit the [HCPF ARPA Website](#)

Office of Community Living Updates

OM 21-042: Day Program & Transportation Guidance

- Per Executive Order 2021 103, any fully vaccinated individual may go without any type of face covering in Day Program settings, though provider agencies may still require staff and participants to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status
- Providers may resume rides at maximum vehicle capacity, including when transporting participants who are not vaccinated. Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.
 - Staff and participants who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a face covering for the duration of the ride
 - The [CDC recommends](#) improving the ventilation in the vehicle if possible – for example, by opening the windows or setting the air ventilation/air conditioning on non-recirculation mode

[Link to OM 21-042](#)

Legislative Update

Office of Community Living (OCL) Bills:

- Demonstration of Need, Remote Supports, & Case Management Redesign

Bills Impacting OCL Providers or Members:

- Expansion of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Sub-Minimum Wage, and Medicaid Transport

Legislation: Next Steps

- After July 1, 2021, the Department will begin outreach and engagement with stakeholders around each of these bills
- Stay informed by reviewing our Constant Contact messages ([sign up](#)) and keeping an eye on our [website](#) for updates

Legislation: Next Steps

SB21-038: Expansion of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

- Makes the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) waiver available statewide and expands the population eligible for the waiver
- Stakeholder engagement will be held through the SCI Advisory Committee - next meeting **July 23, 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**
 - The Committee will continue to meet every other month until implementation of the expanded waiver in July 2022
- Please see the [SCI Advisory Committee site](#) or the [OCL Stakeholder Engagement page](#) for updated meeting dates

Legislation: Next Steps

SB21-039: Elimination of Subminimum Wage Employment

- Ensures individuals with disabilities are equal in the workplace by phasing out sub-minimum wage employment in Colorado
 - Also creates a Buy-In option for the Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver program and makes additional changes to the services offered through the waiver programs
- Currently moving through the Colorado General Assembly
- Stakeholder engagement will begin soon
 - All stakeholder engagement dates and opportunities will be posted on the [OCL Stakeholder Engagement page](#) as well as on the [Supported Employment page](#)

Legislation: Next Steps

SB21-210: Remote Supports for Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) Waiver

- Expands electronic monitoring services in five HCBS waivers for adults to include Remote Supports
- Stakeholder engagement will be conducted this summer to move towards implementing this new service by Jan. 1, 2022
 - The Department will be hosting engagements from 2:00 - 4:00 pm on July 8, August 18, and September 15, 2021
 - The Department will be adding these dates to the [OCL Stakeholder Engagement page](#)

Legislation: Next Steps

HB21-1206: Medicaid Transportation Services

- Eliminates the Public Utilities Commission's oversight responsibility of Medicaid transportation services and moves oversight to the Department for Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) services
 - As such, the Department is no longer requiring provider agencies to obtain a Medicaid Client Transport (MCT) permit to enroll or revalidate as a Medicaid provider
- The Department will be hosting several stakeholder engagement opportunities for provider agencies to provide input on developing oversight requirements for the NMT benefit
 - First meeting is scheduled for **July 17, 2021** from **1:00 - 2:30 pm**

Legislation: Next Steps

HB 21-1227 Demonstration of Need

- Develop a more thoughtful approach and process to determine which new nursing facility providers come into Medicaid
 - Establish rules and regulations on criteria to be considered including facility innovation, quality and performance data, solvency, business continuity, and demographic need
- Stakeholder engagement will begin soon. All stakeholder engagement dates and opportunities will be posted on the [OCL Stakeholder Engagement page](#) as well as on the Department's [Nursing Facility page](#).

Case Management Redesign

- [HB21-1187](#) Passed and signed
- Goal:
 - To achieve a high performing case management system that creates a person centered member experience
 - To streamline operations, increase administrative efficiencies and implement innovative initiatives that further increase stability, quality, and accountability
- Repeals CFCM language in current statute and creates Case Management Agencies that serve all populations
 - Goes into effect July 1, 2024
 - Requires the Department to work with stakeholders and release a timeline for system changes by December 31, 2021

Key Outcomes

Federal Compliance

Quality

Simplicity

Stability

Accountability

Person-
Centered
Member
Experience

Case Management Redesign

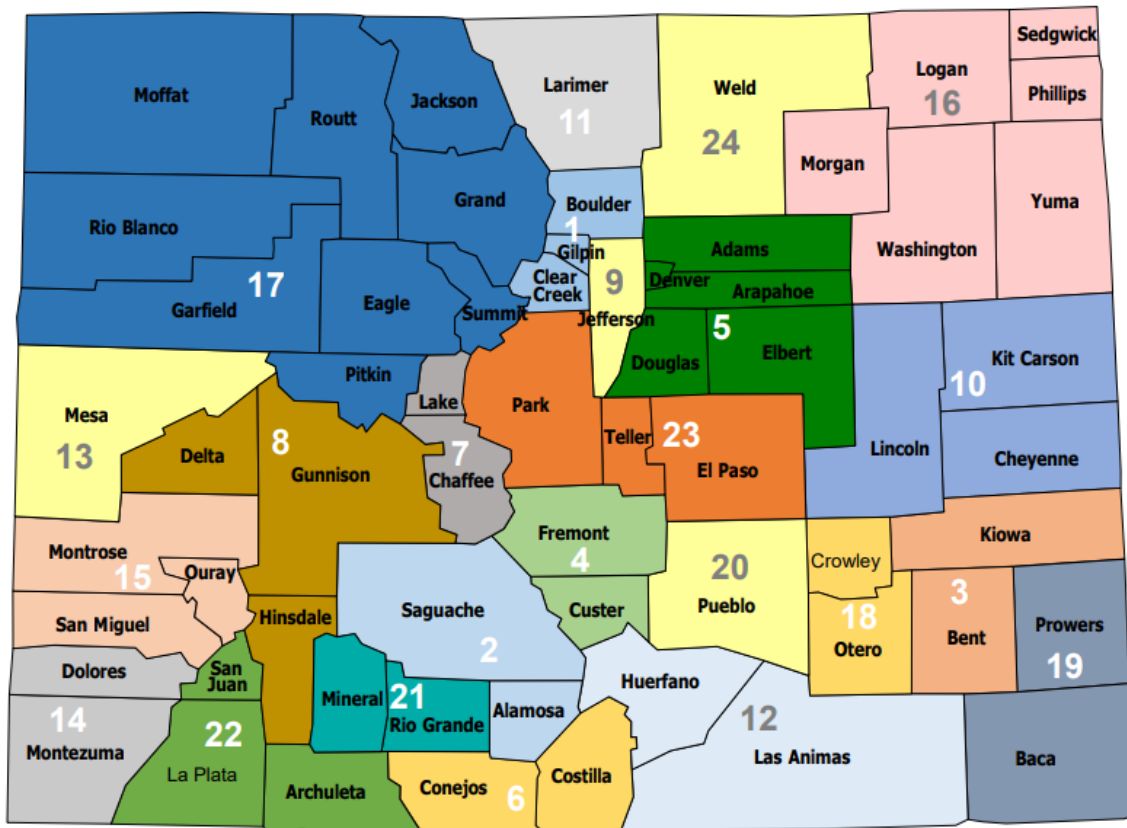
Current Contract Work

- Catchment area analysis
- Determination of Medicaid authority
- Re-evaluation of Rural Exceptions (“only willing and qualified provider”)
- Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) analysis
- Human Rights Committee (HRC) analysis
- Quality case management research

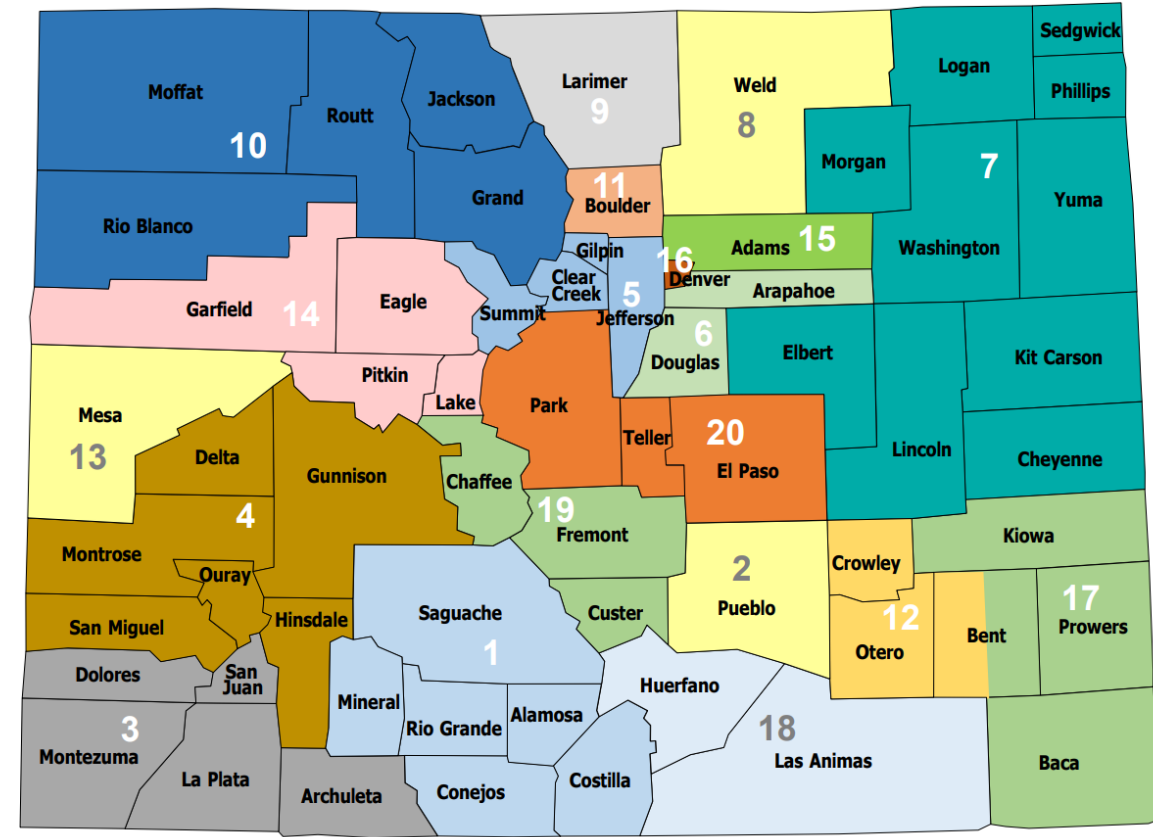
Future Contract Work

- Children's Home and Community Based Services (CHCBS)
- Community Centered Board Designation
- Regulation and Waiver Crosswalk
- Case Management Implementation Timeline
- Human Rights Committee research
- Follow Up on Critical Case Management Components

Current SEP and CCB Regions



hcpf.colorado.gov/single-entry-point-agencies



hcpf.colorado.gov/community-centered-boards

How to Engage

- [Catchment Area Survey](#): closes June 7, 2021
- [Statewide Stakeholder Meeting](#): June 16, 2021
- July Listening sessions for members and families
- [Case Management Redesign Website](#)

Homebound Vaccination Project

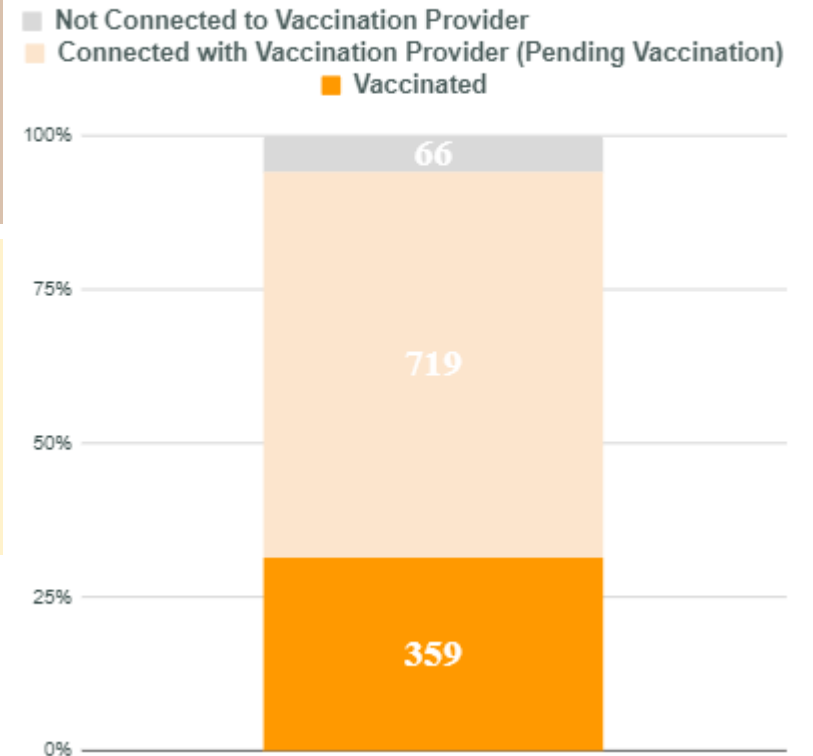
94%+ Connected to Vaccine Provider

31%+ Vaccinated

Medicaid Total # Successfully Contacted
31898

ALL - # Homebound Needing Support
1144

ALL: Homebound Individuals Vaccination Status



[Colorado News Story on Homebound Vaccination Efforts](#)

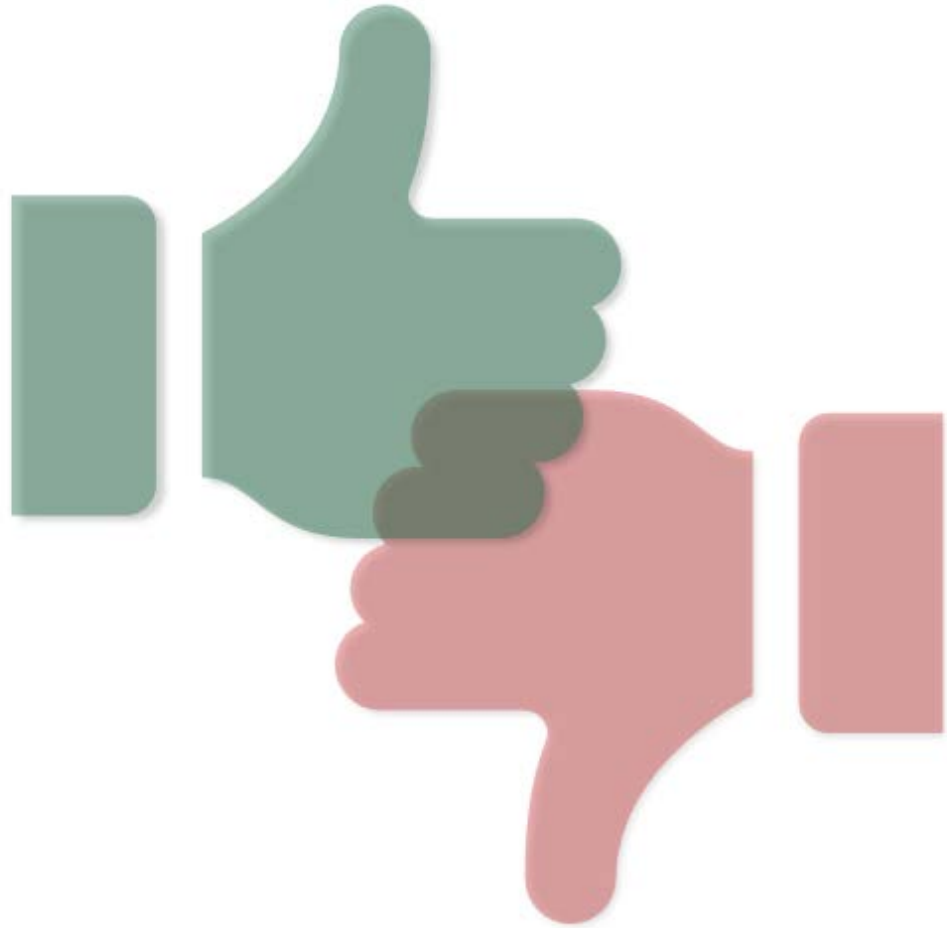
New Webinar Schedule



NEW DAY:
SECOND THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH

NEW TIME:
10:30 - 11:30 am

Next Webinar:
Thursday, July 8, 2021 10:30 am



60 Second Satisfaction Survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/commweb

How to Stay Engaged

Stay Engaged

Stakeholder
Engagement Page

hcpf.colorado.gov/OCCL-stakeholder-engagement

OCCL Webinar Page

hcpf.colorado.gov/office-community-living-update-webinars

2021 Memos Series

hcpf.colorado.gov/2021-memo-series-communication

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Upcoming June Stakeholder Engagement

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		8 10am Children's Disability Advis 10am Direct Care Workforce Co	9	10 11
14	15 10:30am Electronic Visit Verifica	16 1pm Case Management Redesign	17 10am Electronic Visit Verification 11am PDPPC Background Check	18
21	22	23 1pm Participant-Directed Progra	24	25 1pm Individual Residential Serv
28 1:30pm UR/UM CDASS/IHSS Sta	29	30	Jul 1 10am Electronic Visit Verification 2:30pm Transitions Stakeholder	2
				10am Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) V

2021 Guidance

Case Management Agencies

CDASS FMS Transition Notification

- [OM 21-010](#)

Updated CM Opp Changes in Response to COVID-19

- ~~[OM 21-013](#)~~ [OM 21-024](#)

Participant Directed Pgms UR/UM

- [OM 21-014](#)

LTSS Transition to Telligen for UR/UM

- [OM 21-017](#)

Homebound Vaccine Outreach

- [OM 21-031](#)

Informed Consent Template for Rights Modifications

- [OM 21-032](#)

Level of Care Operational Changes

- [OM 21-038](#)

In-Person Meetings

- [OM 21-040](#)

Facilities and PACE

PACE Participant Adverse and Expedited Appeals

- [OM 21-006](#)

Temporary Rate Increase for NF, ICF, RC

- [OM 21-008](#)

New PASRR Vendor

- [OM 21-0016](#)

HCBS Providers

EVV Timeline Update

- ~~[OM 21-007](#)~~ [OM 21-020](#)

Changes to Benefits and Services Rates in Response to COVID-19

- [OM 21-009](#)

Operational changed to NEMT for COVID-19

- [OM 21-012](#)

Indiv. Service Addition to Day Hab. Svcs.

- [OM 21-025](#)

Changes to CDASS Criminal Barriers Crime List

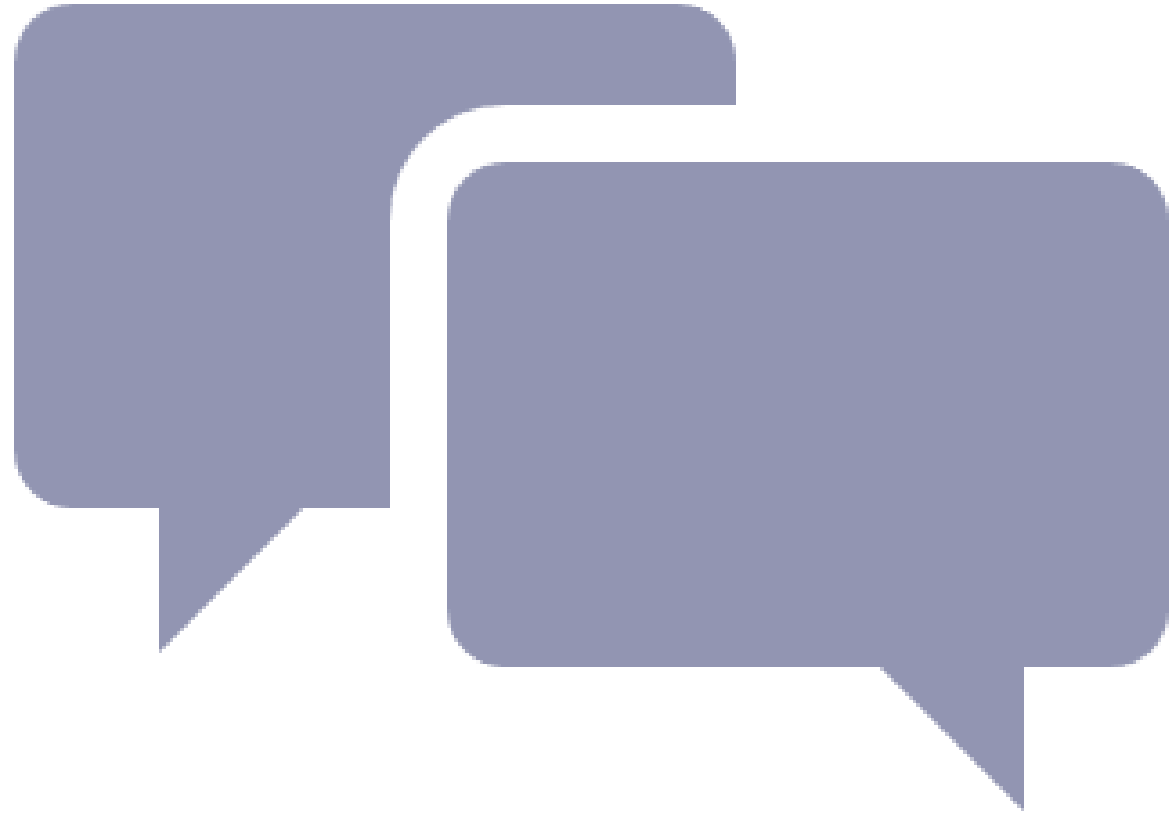
- [OM 21-027](#)

Changes to HCBS Rates in Response to COVID-19

- [OM 21-034](#)

Updated Information re: to Day Pgm & Transpo Svcs in Response to COVID-19

- [OM 21-037](#)



Questions

Thank You!