



HCBS Settings Final Rule Quarterly Update for Quarter Ending 3/31/18

- Since its last quarterly update, the Department has:
 - Published its first volume of [answers to frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) regarding the HCBS Settings Final Rule. As discussed with representatives of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) during a conference call on April 6, 2018, the Department would be grateful for any thoughts CMS and ACL may have regarding this publication.
 - Hosted a [public conference call](#) with representatives of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to discuss follow-up questions from providers, case management agencies, and other stakeholders regarding FAQ Part 1. The Department expects to post a transcript and recording of this call on its website and to publish a written summary of the additional technical assistance the agencies provided.
 - Posted reformatted versions of the Individual/Family/Advocate (IFA Survey) on its [website](#) in order to reduce the postage required to mail in a completed hard-copy survey.
- As discussed on our April 6 call, the Department plans to use an additional year to achieve statewide compliance (by March 2021), because of two issues: (a) delays in the development by the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) of the new web-based system on which the Provider Transition Plans (PTPs) will be hosted and (b) additional time needed by case management agencies to implement the requirements relating to rights modifications. The Department's proposed updated milestones are attached to this update, and we understand that CMS's contractor will update them in the web-based milestone tracking system. In the meantime, the Department continues to require providers to take feasible steps toward compliance.

