HCBS Settings Final Rule
Quarterly Update for Quarter Ending 6/30/18

- Since its last quarterly update, the Department has:

    o Published a second volume of answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the HCBS Settings Final Rule. This publication addresses follow-up questions from providers, case management agencies, and other stakeholders regarding the first volume of FAQs. It also reflects feedback from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) regarding the first volume. The Department would be grateful for any thoughts CMS and ACL may have regarding the second volume of FAQs.

    o Published a transcript and recording of the public conference call held on April 5, 2018 with representatives of the Colorado Departments of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Human Services (CDHS) to discuss implementation of the HCBS Settings Final rule.

    o Submitted to CMS updated milestones reflecting (a) delays in the development 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. It appears that the milestones in CMS's web-based milestone tracker have been updated accordingly, except that the date for publishing "revisions to Departmental manuals, provider agreements, websites, and other materials to promote compliance with HCBS Settings requirements" should be listed as 12/31/2019, not 12/13/2019.

- The Department continues to work with the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) on development of the new web-based PTP system. It also continues to provide training (*e.g.*, on rights modifications) and technical assistance (including via coordination with CDPHE) to help providers and case management agencies come into compliance.