

MSB Rule Preview

**MSB 24-07-11-A,
MSB 24-07-11-C**

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MSB 24-07-11-A, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning Community First Choice Sections 8.7000

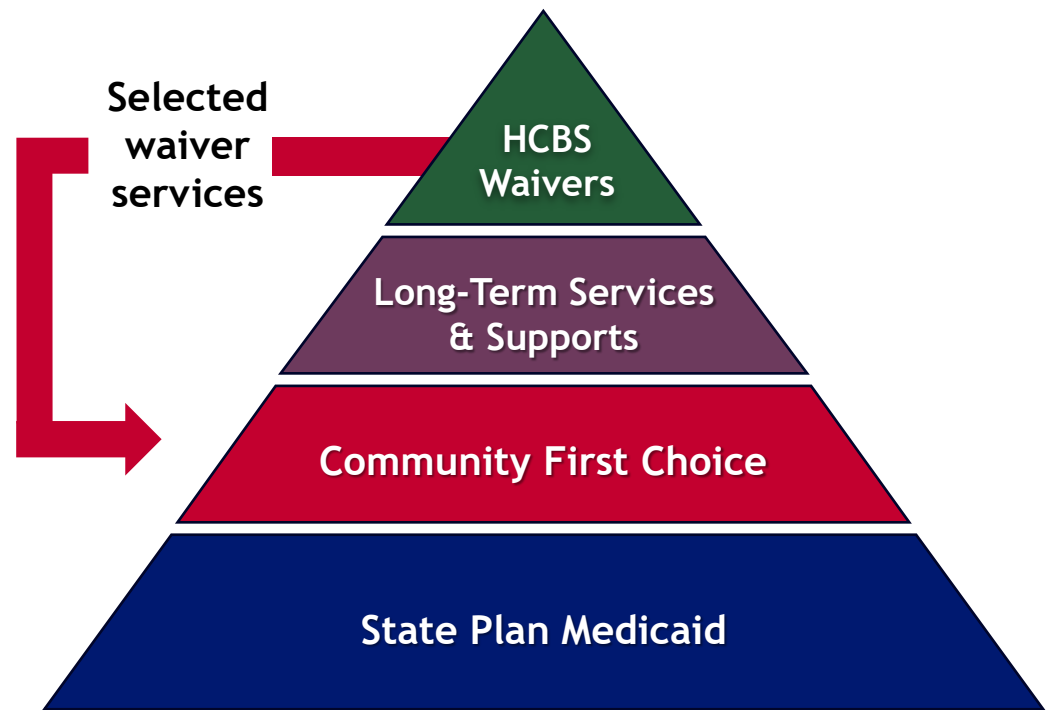


Community First Choice

State Plan program that expands home and community-based services and service delivery models to eligible Health First Colorado Members.

Mandatory and Select Optional Services:

- Homemaker (with new task called Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills)
- Personal Care (with new task called Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills)
- Health Maintenance Activities
- Remote Supports
- Home Delivered Meals
- Transition Setup
- Personal Emergency Response System and Medication Reminders
- *In Home Support Services*
- *Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services*
- *Traditional Agency-Based*



CFC Implementation

- Colorado has chosen to implement CFC to better support members to live and thrive at home and in their communities with the help of additional funding from the federal government.
- CFC services are funded at a 56/44 split from the federal government as compared to the 50/50 split we receive under our HCBS waiver programs.
- The implementation of CFC is expected to save the state roughly \$40 million dollars each year, after the initial implementation year.
- These rules have no fiscal impact, as Community First Choice implementation was accounted for in FY 2023-24 Budget Amendment 07, which granted the Department funding for this initiative.



MSB 24-07-11-A Overview

- The rule set we intend to bring forth next month makes changes to several sections of HCPF Volume 8 rules, including:
 - 8.7000.A (Legal Authority), 8.7001 (Member's Rights & Responsibilities), 8.7200 (Case Management Agency Requirements), 8.7400 (Provider Agency Requirements), and 8.7500 (HCBS Benefits & Services)

MSB 24-07-11-A Overview

- The changes include:
 - Technical edits to various sections of 8.7000 to include reference and citation to CFC.
 - Policy changes to select benefits moving under CFC, all of which have undergone extensive stakeholder engagement since September 2024.
 - Establishment of the CFC program rules themselves, found at 8.7600.

MSB 24-07-11-A Stakeholder Engagement

- The rule set has undergone monthly stakeholder engagement with the CFC Council since September of 2024.
- Draft updated rule copies have been posted to our CFC webpage in September, October, December, and February.
- The CFC team has incorporated all feedback into our CFC Rule Listening Log, posted publicly and updated along with posted rule drafts.

MSB 24-07-11-C, Revision to the Medical Assistance Act Rule concerning the Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver



CwCHN Overview

- With Community First Choice (CFC) implementation in July 2025, In-Home Support Services- Health Maintenance Activities, will be moved from the Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) Waiver into CFC.
- This move will leave only the Wellness Education Benefit on the CHCBS waiver.
- HCPF has made the decision to merge the existing CHCBS waiver population with the Children's Life Limiting Illness Waiver (CLLI) and create the CwCHN Waiver.
- By doing so, the Department will ensure that over 2,500 children will continue to have access to critical services.



CwCHN Overview

- The CwCHN Waiver will have expanded eligibility criteria to include the CHCBS and CLLI Waiver populations
- The CwCHN Waiver will include all current CLLI Waiver services, plus the new Wellness Education Benefit, increasing service options for current CHCBS members.
- These rules have no fiscal impact. This change was accounted for in FY 2023-24 Budget Amendment 07, which granted the Department funding for this initiative.

MSB 24-07-11-C Overview

- This rule set includes changes to HCPF Volume 8 rules, including: 8.400, 8.401, 8.550, 8.7100, and 8.7500.
- These changes include:
 - Technical cleanup to remove references to the CLLI waiver, replacing them with reference to the CwCHN waiver.
 - The establishment of the expanded level of care and targeting criteria for the new CwCHN waiver, which has undergone stakeholder engagement since September 2024.

MSB 24-07-11-C Stakeholder Engagement

- The rule set has undergone monthly stakeholder engagement with the CFC Council and the Children's Disability Advisory Committee as of September 2024.
- Draft updated rule copies have been posted to our CFC webpage in September, December, and February.
- The CFC team has incorporated all feedback into our CwCHN Rule Listening Log, posted publicly and updated along with rule drafts.