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TO: All Stakeholders

FROM: The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

DATE: May 4, 2016

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION BRIEF-Notification that the Department will be releasing the Statewide Transition Plan (STP) for a third Public Notice period, and the Systemic Assessment Crosswalk for its first Public Notice period.

Purpose: To notify stakeholders that the Department is releasing the Statewide Transition Plan (STP) and Systemic Assessment Crosswalk for a 35-day Public Comment period. The STP has been updated and is being re-released for a third Public Comment period. The Systemic Assessment Crosswalk is being released for its first Public Comment period.

Background: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Final Rule for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) effective March 17, 2014 to ensure individuals receiving waiver services through HCBS programs have full access to the greater community and reside in home-like residences.

Federal rule requires states to submit a Statewide Transition Plan to meet the federal settings criteria for all relevant HCBS programs under Sections 1915(c), 1915(k), and 1915(i) of the Social Security Act. This plan will outline how the Final Rule will be implemented over the five-year transition period allowed by the rule. In Colorado, there are eight HCBS waivers with residential and non-residential components that will be impacted by the new Federal rules:

- [Brain Injury Waiver \(BI\)](#)
- [Children's Habilitation Residential Program \(CHRP\)](#)
- [Community Mental Health Supports Waiver \(CMHS\)](#)
- [Developmental Disabilities Waiver \(DD\)](#)
- [Supported Living Services Waiver \(SLS\)](#)
- [Elderly, Blind and Disabled Waiver \(EBD\)](#)

- [Spinal Cord Injury Waiver \(SCI\)](#)
- [Children's Extensive Support \(CES\)](#)

The following waivers under which services are provided in children's homes, professional provider offices, and clinics, are presumed to be compliant with the federal settings requirements:

- Children's HCBS (CHCBS)
- Children with Autism (CWA)
- Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI)

Information: The Department is providing a 35-day Public Comment period for all stakeholders from **May 5, 2016 to June 9, 2016**. The Public Comment period will afford all stakeholders a chance to review the STP and Systemic Assessment Crosswalk, and provide feedback to the Department. All questions and comments will be compiled into a Listening Log that will also be released to Stakeholders and will include the Department's response. The STP and the Systemic Assessment Crosswalk can be viewed at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> or hard copy or electronic copies can be requested by contacting Lori Thompson at 303-866-5142, by e-mail at lori.thompson@state.co.us, or by U.S. Mail at:

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Action: Comments regarding the draft Statewide Transition Plan and Systemic Assessment Crosswalk can be emailed directly to STP.PublicComment@hcpf.state.co.us

Comments can also be addressed to the following:

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