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The Honorable Kent Lambert, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Senator Lambert:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) provides the following update in order to comply with the requirements of HB15-1318 as stipulated in Section 25.5-6-409.3(4), C.R.S.:

The state department shall notify the joint budget committee no later than June 1, 2016, if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has not approved a single consolidated Medicaid waiver for home and community-based services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If the state department has not received approval from the centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by July 1, 2016, the joint budget committee shall establish a notification and review process relating to the status of the pending waiver consolidation process.

Since the update submitted in October 2016, the Department continues to evaluate and plan for the implementation of the Waiver Redesign Workgroup's recommendations. Analyses of the fiscal, programmatic, and operational impacts of a redesigned waiver are also in progress.

On November 28, 2016, the Department hosted a quarterly meeting of the Waiver Implementation Council. Council members provided feedback on a number of draft service and coverage standards. These standards are developed in collaboration with the Council and other stakeholders and will define the waiver service specifications, provider qualifications, and conditions of coverage. The Department will host the next Council meeting on February 27, 2017.

Background information, meeting materials, and a complete Council membership list are available on the [Council's webpage](#). The Department will benefit from the council's ongoing consultation and advice throughout the waiver design and implementation process.

The Department's target date for waiver submission to CMS remains July 1, 2017 with an anticipated effective date of July 1, 2018.

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If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Zach Lynkiewicz, at zach.lynkiewicz@state.co.us or 720 854-9882.

Sincerely,



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