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

Dear Representative Hamner:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) provides the following update to the Joint Budget Committee regarding the development of a redesigned Medicaid waiver for Home and Community-Based-Services (HCBS) for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) per 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 April 2018 update, the Department has been solidifying the service design for a consolidated waiver, while beginning final work to ensure the waiver's quality, operability, and fiscal soundness. The Department has continued a robust stakeholder process throughout this work.

The Department met with the Waiver Implementation Council (WIC) over a series of six meetings in April and May. Over the meetings, the Department and the WIC reviewed revised drafts of all 12 Service and Coverage Standards (SCS). The SCS are documents through which the Department captures the proposed waiver service definitions, provider qualifications, limitations, conditions, and other information.

The Department will continue these meetings with a renewed WIC membership. Over May and June, the Department administered an application process for current interested members and new applicants. The Department will announce the new WIC membership in an informational memo distributed July 13, 2018. Background information, meeting materials and a Council membership list are available on the Council's [webpage](#).

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The Department has begun work toward setting utilization limits and allocating resources, including rebasing support levels, norming utilization, and establishing other bases and projections of utilization. The Department is applying to its service design a fiscal impact analysis, strategies for saving costs and improving quality, and a transition plan. The Department is committed to substantiating a consolidated waiver that would most effectively and sustainably advance the aims of Section 25.5-6-409.3(4), C.R.S.

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Interim Legislative Liaison, David DeNovellis, at david.denovellis@state.co.us or 303-866-6912.

Sincerely,



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