

# Alliance State Forum

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# Agenda

- FY22/23 Priority Review
- Budget and Legislative Priorities, Including DOJ
- SLS Flexibilities- Housing Vouchers Available
- CMA RFP
- CMS Announcement - Appendix K Flexibilities Ending
- CFC Impact on DD/SLS Waivers
- Geographic Rate Modifier Project Update

# Office of Community Living FY 2022-23 Priorities

## American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community Based Services

Successfully launch and monitor all 64 Home and Community Based initiatives



## Federal Compliance

Lead cross-agency efforts to remediate the Department of Justice findings



## Case Management Redesign

Implement case management redesign to ensure a high performing case management system



## Direct Care Workforce

Execute actions to address the critical staff shortages; including the implementation of wage increases, training, and new technologies



## Skilled Nursing Facilities

Create a plan to transform the nursing home industry and provider to ensure sustainability and quality



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# Budget and Legislative Priorities

- [R-07](#) Rate Increases (\$15.75M)
- Prader Willi Technical Change(s)
- Nursing Facility Innovation
- [BA-07](#) Community-Based Access to Care
  - Address Department of Justice Findings and implement Community First Choice
- [S-08/BA-08](#) ARPA HCBS Adjustments



# CMA RFP Reminders



- RFP Posted to Vendor Self Service (VSS)
- Offeror Inquiry Period Closed - No additional Inquiries Accepted
- Department Inquiry Response Period Begins
- Proposals Due on Tuesday, February 28th
- Evaluation Period
- Notification of Award
- Send questions to [HCPF\\_RFPQuestions@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_RFPQuestions@state.co.us)

# CMS Announcement and PHE Extension

- CMS released [guidance](#) on January 5, 2023 regarding Continuous Enrollment
  - Continuous Enrollment no longer ties to PHE and will end March 31, 2023
- The Public Health Emergency (PHE) was [renewed](#) on January 11, 2023 until April 2023
  - Appendix K Flexibilities are in effect until October 2023 (6 months post PHE)

# Appendix K Flexibilities Ending

- Majority of Appendix K flexibilities have been adopted permanently with the exceptions of:
  - \$10,000 increase to Home Modification/Home Accessibility Adaptation benefit (Ends 12/31/24).
  - Legally Responsible Persons (for kids this means parents) may not Homemaker and Community Connector (6 months post PHE)).

# SLS Flexibilities: Housing Vouchers Available

- The housing voucher program is known as Community Access Team Vouchers (CATV) and is operated by the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing (DOLA/DOH) Community Access Team.
- Vouchers are available to members on the Supported Living Services waiver and are applying for emergency enrollment on the DD waiver.
  - Specifically members who need access to the DD waiver in order to secure stable housing.
  - Includes members who utilize SLS Flexibilities





# Alliance Member Question

*Q: What is the Impact of Community First Choice (CFC) on HCBS–DD/SLS waivers?*

- CFC will give SLS members access to IHSS for the first time.
- CFC will move PC, Homemaker PERS and transition services out of the waivers and into the state plan. This will give members who use these services better access.
- Access to these services, like other state plan benefits, are based on Assessed Medical need.
- DD waiver members will not see a major change, since most members get these services through a bundled Residential Service like GRSS and IRSS.
- We are also working with Stakeholders now to determine many of the CFC program aspects and need everyone's help. So if you have question please come to our Council meeting the first Wednesday of every month.

# Alliance Member Question

*Q: Are there any updates on HCPF's work in looking at geographic modifiers for rates?*

- The Department is currently working with a contractor to complete GIS Heat Mapping to identify care deserts across the state
- Using the information gathered from the heat mapping tool, along with analysis of current rates and review of existing research, the contractor will make recommendations on geographic modifiers
- Anticipated completion date is late 2023



# Discussion



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# Thank you!