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**To:** All Stakeholders

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**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF

Announce statewide stakeholder engagement meetings to review recommendations for changes to Case Management

Agency and Case Manager qualifications.

**<u>Purpose:</u>** To inform all stakeholders about the upcoming stakeholder engagement meetings where attendees can provide input about changes to qualifications for Case Management Agencies and Case Managers.

**Background:** In 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a final rule requiring the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) to separate case management from service delivery functions to reduce conflict of interest for services provided under Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. House Bill 15-1318 required the Department to develop a plan, with input from Community Centered Boards (CCBs), Single Entry Point (SEP) agencies, and other stakeholders, for the delivery of Conflict-Free Case Management that complies with federal regulations.

In 2017, the Colorado General Assembly passed HB17-1343, which created the definition of Case Management Agency and requires the Department to develp qualifications for Case Management Agencies and Case Managers. While HB17-1343 is specific to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disablities (I/DD), the Department is restructuing case management for all individuals enrolled in an HCBS waiver. As such, the stakeholder engagement meetings and development of qualifications for Case Management Agencies and Case Managers, are applicable for all individuals enrolled in an HCBS waiver.

**Information**: The Department and its contractor will present research regarding other states' qualifications for Case Management Agencies and Case Managers, along with initial recommendations for changes to the qualifications in Coloardo. Input received from these stakeholder engagement meetings will be considered in the development of final qualifications.



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The final qualifications will be used to amend the HCBS waiver agreements, the State Plan, and Department regulations.

**Attachments:** Statewide Regional Meeting Schedule

Fort Logan Parking Map

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