



**Developmental
Pathways**

We will begin momentarily!

WELCOME TO DP'S

2026 LTSS System Changes Town Hall

April 7, 2026

Language Justice

The right to communicate in the language you feel most connected with- the language of your heart.



El derecho a expresarse en el idioma con el que se sientan más cómodos y conectados: el idioma de su corazón.

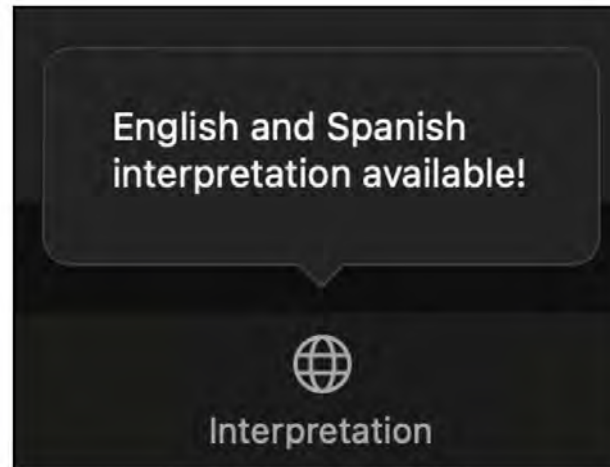
We will be using interpretation as a tool for opening communication



Usaremos la interpretación como una herramienta para expandir la comunicación.

Zoom Interpretation/ Interpretacion por Zoom

- In your meeting/webinar controls, click Interpretation.
- Click the language that you would like to hear.
- (Optional) To only hear the interpreted language, click Mute Original Audio

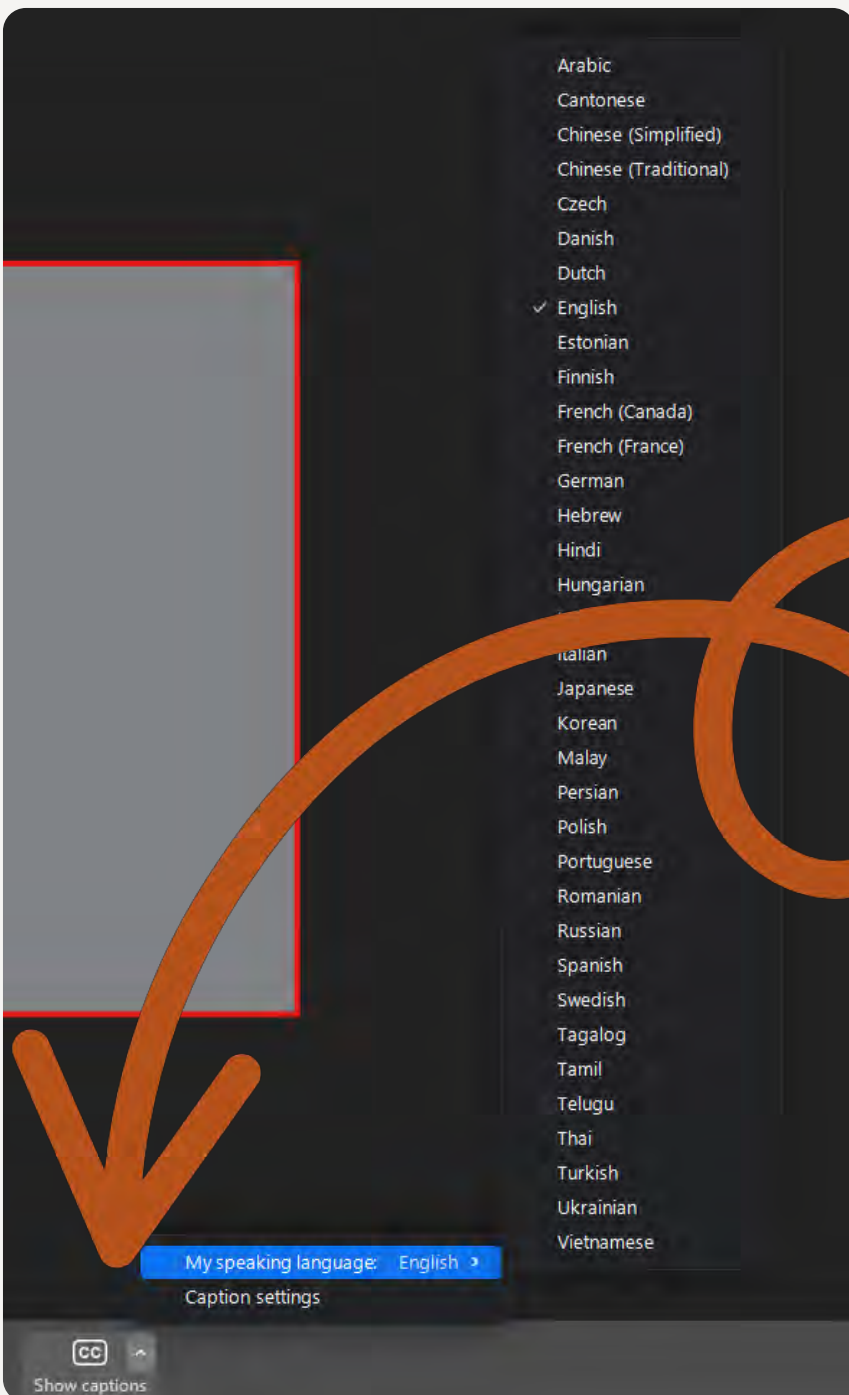


- En los controles de la reunión o el seminario web, hacer clic en Interpretación.
- Hacer clic en el idioma que desee escuchar.
- (Opcional) Para escuchar solo el idioma interpretado, haga clic en Silenciar audio original.



Zoom Captions

- Navigate to the **Zoom meeting controls toolbar**
 - Bottom of screen
 - Swipe on the toolbar for mobile users
- Select “**Show Captions**”
- Select “**My speaking language**” & choose your preferred language
- Adjust the text size in “**Caption Settings**” as needed





Housekeeping



Credo of Mutual Respect

We are committed to nonpartisan professionalism.



Q&A

Submit your questions using the Q&A feature **OR call** our community line at 303-360-6600, *ext. 3, then option 4*



Need more specific help?

Call your case manager **OR contact** our Case Management Care Team at CMCareTeam@dpcolo.org or call 303-360-6600, *ext. 3, then option 2 for customer service-related questions.*

This presentation (excluding Q&A) is being **recorded** & will be shared after the meeting.



Today's Agenda

- **How We Got Here**
- **Final Budget Decisions**
- **LTSS System Changes
Operational Impact**
- **Local Programming**



Meet the **DP Team**



Michelle Bauman
Chief Program Officer



Kristin Yoder
Vice President of Case
Management Programs



Kim Tenure
Director of
Government Affairs



Dinah Frey
Director of Community
Engagement



ABOUT US

We are led by our **Guiding Principles...**



Integrity



Innovation



Partnership



Stewardship

Vision

Enriching lives.
Strengthening communities.

Mission

To enrich the lives of people with disabilities/delays by partnering to provide expertise, support, and advocacy in their pursuit of a meaningful life.



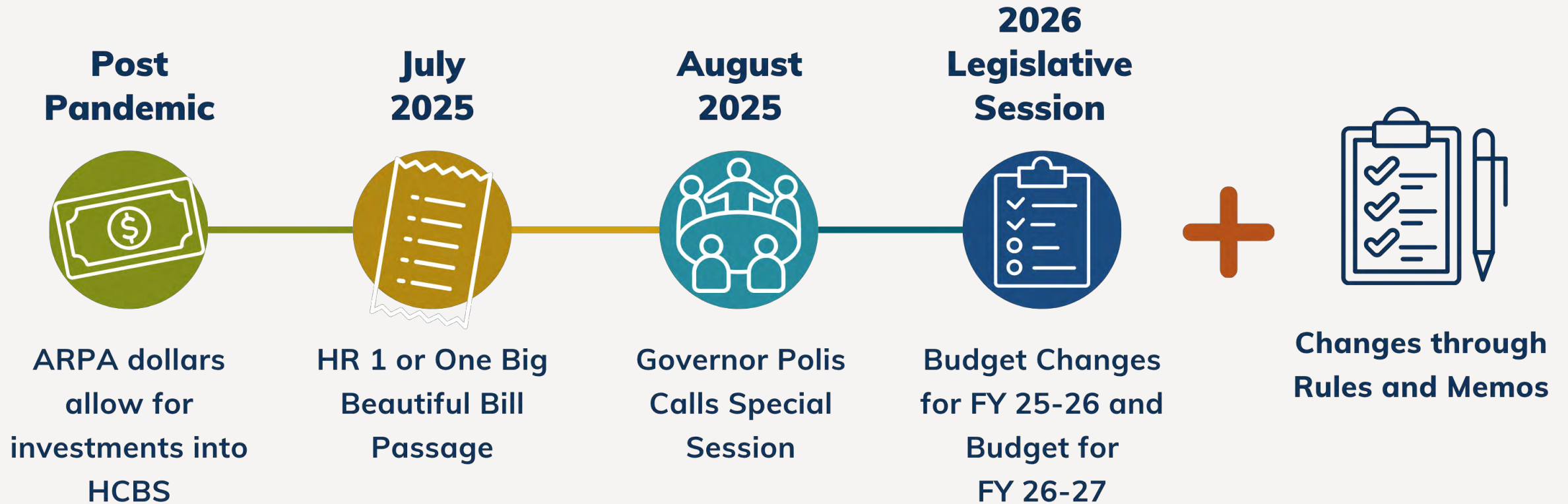
ABOUT US

We believe that **full inclusion & participation in community life** is attainable for **everyone.**

How We Got Here



Key events that have gotten us to where we are *and also caused some confusion.*



Final Budget Decisions

Community Wide Impact

- Colorado Single Assessment (CSA)
- Long-Term Home Health (LTHH) / Private Duty Nursing (PDN) Changes
 - Adjust service durations per billable unit for LTHH services
 - Create a group rate for certain Community First Choice (CFC) and LTHH services
 - PDN 60-day acute benefit
 - Establish PDN per diem rate
- 2% Provider Across the Board (ATB) rate cuts*
- Delay Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) Presumptive Eligibility
- Cap on weekly caregiving hours (per caregiver, per member)
- Cap homemaker hours for legally responsible persons
- Soft Caps for personal care, homemaker, and Health Maintenance Activities (HMA)
- Standardize rate-setting tool for residential habilitation—Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) and Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Remove equine services from HCBS waivers*

Adult Impact

- Changes to the DD Waiver
 - Youth Transition Enrollment Changes
 - Reduce the DD Waiver Churn Enrollment
 - Align Member Cost Contribution- Post Eligibility Treatment of Income (PETI)

Children / Youth Impact

- Community Connector Changes
 - Age restrictions update
 - Rate reductions
 - Service limitations
- Pediatric Behavior Therapy

LTSS System Changes Operational Impact



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Case Management Agency Impact

HCPF:

- Rules/Regulations
- Contract Deliverables
- Operational Memos
- Executive Orders
- State Legislation
- Federal Changes

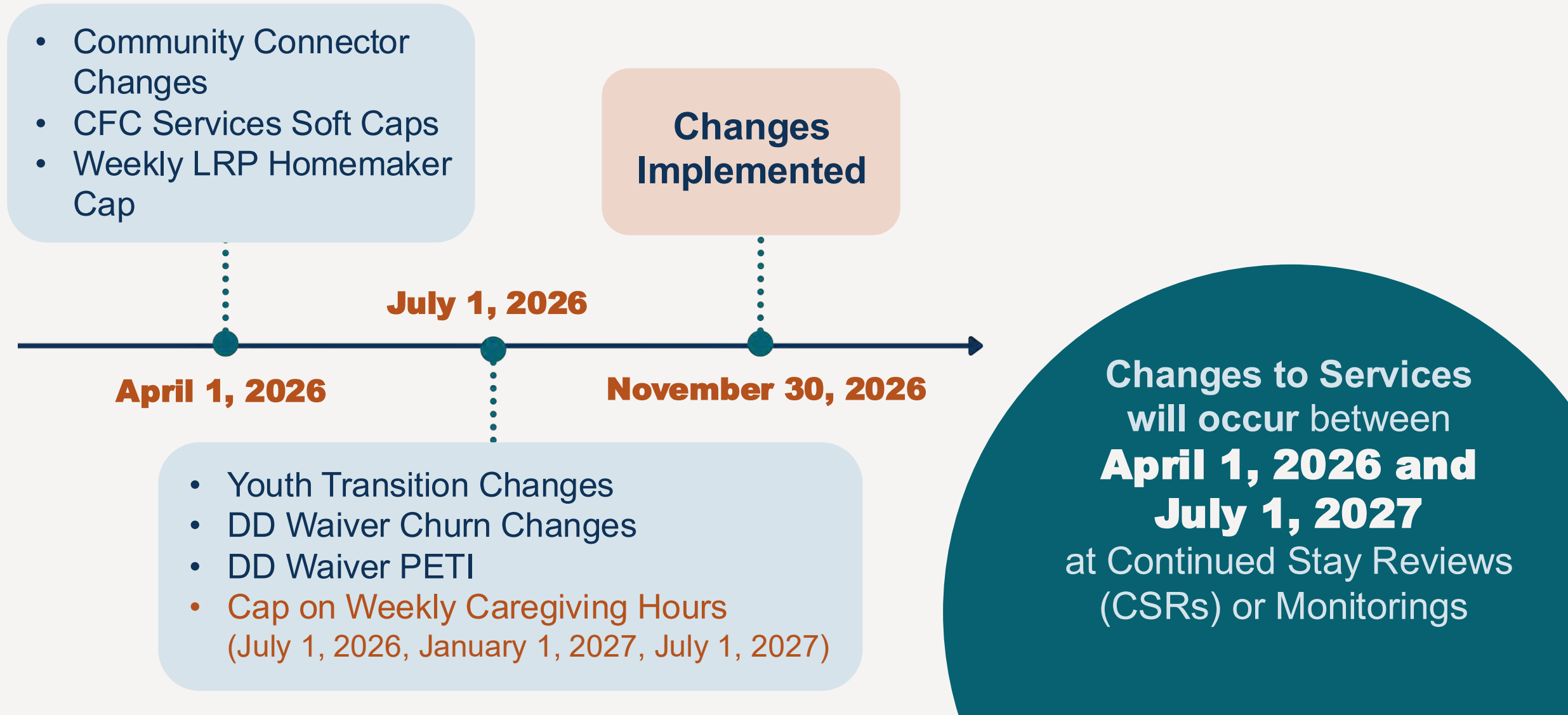


**CMA
Operational
Impact**



LTSS System Changes Operational Impact

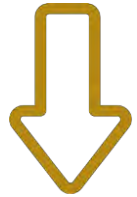
Implementation Timeline





LTSS System Changes Operational Impact

Community Connector – April 1, 2026



Reduce annual limit on units from 2,080 units to 1,040 (260 hours)

Case Manager will:

- Assess for community connector needs
- Decrease authorized units to 1,040 for individuals over the limit
- Submit an exception request to HCPF, if necessary
- Complete and send a Notice of Action for unit reductions



Community Connector for Extraordinary Support Needs

Case Manager will:

- Assess for community connector needs
- For children under 6, authorization expected to be rare
- Submit an exception request for supervisor review, if necessary
- Complete and send a Notice of Action for unit reductions

CFC Services Soft Caps – April 1, 2026



New annual limit authorization for Personal Care, Homemaker and Health Maintenance Activities (HMA)

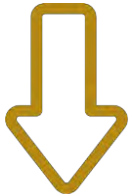
- **Personal Care:** 10,000 units annually (40 hrs/wk)
- **Homemaker:** 4,500 units annually (20 hrs/wk)
- **HMA:** 19,000 units annually (80 hrs/wk)

Case Manager will:

- Assess for CFC service needs
- Submit an exception request for supervisor review and/or HCPF review, if necessary
- Complete and send a Notice of Action for unit reductions



LRP Homemaker Weekly Cap – April 1, 2026



A reduction of the cap from 10 hours per week to 5 hours per week for a Legally Responsible Person (LRP)* providing homemaker

*If a person has two LRPs, each one can conduct 5 hours for a total of 10 hours per week

Case Manager will:

- Assess for Homemaker service needs
- Move hours above the weekly cap per LRP to homemaker hours provided by a non-LRP



LTSS System Changes Operational Impact

Youth Transitions in DD Waiver – July 1, 2026



Automatic enrollment into the DD waiver for youth transitions will no longer extend to youth enrolled in the CES or CHRP waiver, except in instances where the youth is served through child welfare. An emergency enrollment request may be requested if the youth is:

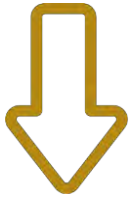
- Homeless
- In an abusive or neglectful situation
- A danger to themselves or others and/or
- Experiencing a loss or incapacitation of their primary caregiver

Case Manager will:

- Assess the needs of the youth transitioning to adult services
- Provide information on alternative adult waivers
- Support enrollment into an adult waiver
- Add the youth to the DD waiver waitlist if they meet DD waiver targeting criteria, as requested
- Submit an emergency enrollment request to HCPF for review if the youth meets emergency criteria



Reduce DD Waiver Enrollment Churn – July 1, 2026



Enrollments authorized by HCPF for individuals on the waiting list for the DD waiver will be reduced to half. For every two members who disenroll from the DD waiver, one individual from the waiting list will be authorized to enroll.

Case Manager will:

- Add individuals who meet DD waiver targeting criteria to the DD waiver waitlist, as requested
- Submit an emergency enrollment request to HCPF for review if the individual meets emergency criteria and needs DD waiver enrollment as soon as possible



DD Waiver PETI Implementation – July 1, 2026



HCPF will apply Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (PETI) to Members enrolled in the DD waiver, aligning it with other HCBS waivers that have Residential Services

Case Manager will:

- Complete a PETI for all individuals enrolled or enrolling into the DD waiver
- Send the completed PETI to the residential provider
- Complete an annual review and make changes to the PETI as needed

Example:

- Total Income: **\$1,500 per month**
- Room and Board (R&B for 2025): **\$797**
- Personal Needs Allowance (PNA for 2025): **\$421.46**
- Member's Service Payment to Provider (Remaining Balance): **\$281.54**
(This amount would no longer be covered by HCPF)



Weekly Caregiver Cap on Services – July 1, 2026



HCPF is implementing a cap on paid weekly hours per caregiver providing services, using a stepdown approach:

July 1, 2026: No more than 84 hours per week/per member

January 1, 2027: No more than 70 hours per week/per member

July 1, 2027: No more than 56 hours per week/per member

Case Manager will:

- Assess for service needs
- Following the timelines outlined, reduce the number of hours per caregiver to the approved amount of hours, per HCPF requirement
- Help find other caregivers to support additional service hour needs above the cap
- Support with the exception request process, as needed

Local Programming

Local Programming Can Support You Right Now



These programs were designed to be flexible, responsive, and person-centered, **especially when state or federal systems shift.**



**Individualized
Supports**



**Needs Assessment -
“What Matters
Most?”**



**Empowering
Families to Request
Support**



**Community Access
& Connection**

Providing temporary options that help maintain stability and connection while longer-term solutions are explored.



Local Programming: *3 TYPES*

Direct Support



Support to Community Providers



Community Strengthening Work



How to Access?

Contact your
Coordinator or
Case Manager

or

Visit our
[Local Programming](#) page
on our website at dpcolo.org



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Resources

HCPF Resources

[Medicaid Sustainability and Colorado's LTSS System](#)

[Colorado's Medicaid Sustainability Framework](#)

[Office of Community Living \(OCL\) LTSS Budget and Sustainability Webinar](#)

DP's Latest "Policy Pulse"

[DP & Community Resources in a Time of Change](#)



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