Colorado HCBS Medicaid Waivers

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What is an HCBS Medicaid Waiver?
- Allows states to provide long term services and supports in community settings rather than nursing homes or institutions
- Covers services not included in Medicaid state plans
- Family income requirements waived for children
- Common assessment process required for eligibility. (CO—ULTC 100.2)

CO HCBS Medicaid waivers
6 adult waivers
- Brain injury
- Mental health
- Elderly, blind, disabled
- Spinal cord injury
- Supported living services--IDD
- Comprehensive waiver for persons with IDD

CO HCBS Medicaid Waivers
5 waivers for children
- Children’s HCBS
- Children with Autism
- Children’s Extensive Support (IDD)
- Children’s Habilitation Residential Program
- Children with a Life Limiting Illness

Long term home health--CO
CO Medicaid state plan—services from licensed Home Health agencies
- Acute home health
- Long-term home health

Challenges of existing system
- Administrative management
- Inconsistent benefits among waivers
- Wait lists
- Targeting criteria
Community Living

- Top priority for current administration
- Community Living Advisory Group
  - “…redesign all aspects of the LTSS system, including service models, payment structures, and data systems to create efficient and person centered community care.”

Waiver Simplification

Ideas

- New adult waiver for persons with IDD
- Eliminate PLWA waiver—include benefits in the EBD waiver (done)
- Move BI waiver recipients to EBD waiver or DD waiver if age on onset is before 22
- Possibly move mental health waiver to EBD

HCBS for Adults