



Community Need

Colorado needed to ensure that providers, providing support to members in the community have received training on emergency preparedness and have plans in place that describe how they will assist and provide support to members in the event of an emergency.

Project Investment Category

Expand Emergency Preparedness

People with disabilities living in the community did not have the support or resources needed to be prepared for an emergency or crisis. \$6 Million was invested to help prepare members for emergency situations.



Impact

- Created a robust emergency preparedness training curriculum and provided live and virtual trainings throughout the State, in English and Spanish to 100+ attendees.
- 94% of the providers who attended the training and completed the survey said that the skill and knowledge gained will positively impact the lives of the individuals they work with.

EMERGENCY Preparedness



Going Forward

The training materials used to complete virtual training will remain available to providers and the Department of HCPF will maintain and update these materials going forward.



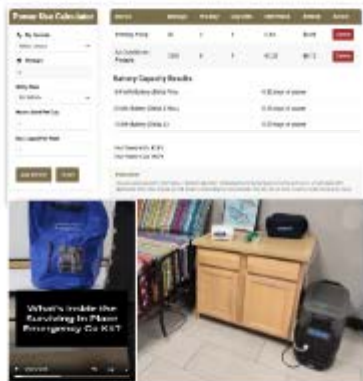


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Coloradans with disabilities needed to have education, a plan, and equipment such as backup power devices, to prepare them for emergency events. This was especially vital for individuals using life-sustaining medical equipment that require power.



Impact



"[My] level of independence is 'through the roof' these days...a big fear has been lifted off my shoulders."

-Back Up Power Device Recipient

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- ➔ **\$4.8M in funds were used to distribute to provide:**
 - ◆ 1,412 members with state-of-the-art back up power devices
 - ◆ 1,000 members with emergency go-kits
- ➔ **[A first-of-its-kind interactive medical device power use calculator](#) was created specifically for individuals with a disability who use life-sustaining devices to be able to determine how much power they need and time they have if an emergency that cuts power occurs.**



Going Forward

Due to the incredible success of this project, HCPF added backup power devices to the Home Modification benefit so that eligible HCBS Members can continue to access these life saving devices through that benefit.

