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Health First Colorado Provides
Support for Families who have
**Children with Developmental
Disabilities and High Needs**

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What is the Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver?

The Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) Home and Community Based Services – Children’s Habilitation Residential Program waiver **provides benefits and services for eligible children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and complex behavioral and/or medical support needs.** Children who qualify for the waiver have high needs for support that put them at risk for out-of-home placement or institutional care.

THE GOAL:



To help eligible children and their families live well and safely in their homes and communities while preventing the need for out-of-home placement or institutional care and to support them in circumstances when the child or youth may need out-of-home placement.

CHRP waiver services are provided in addition to a member’s Health First Colorado benefits. The CHRP waiver was established in 1996 and was expanded to better serve children and families in July 2019.



How can the CHRP waiver help children, families and caregivers?

The goal of the CHRP Waiver is to help eligible children and their families live well and safely in their homes and communities while preventing the need for out-of-home placement or institutional care and to support them in circumstances when the child or youth may need out-of-home placement.

Benefits and services provided by CHRP waiver help children and their families during times of crisis – when the child’s support needs become more severe than normal, unmanageable or poses a danger to the child and/or their family, caregiver(s) or community. The crisis may be identified by the child, their family, caregiver(s) or an outside party.

Where do I go to learn more or apply for services?

To learn more about the CHRP waiver and how it can help contact the Community Centered Board (CCB) in the area where the child lives. The CCB helps the eligible child get services and supports that meet their individual needs.

The CCB will help with:

- Waiver Eligibility
- Screenings and assessments as appropriate
- The development of a service plan
- Arrangement for services
 - Connects the child, family and/or caregiver(s) with local service provider(s)
- Service and support coordination and monitoring
- Transitioning and/or stopping services

For a list of the Community Centered Boards in Colorado visit colorado.gov/hcpf/community-centered-boards.



Who qualifies?

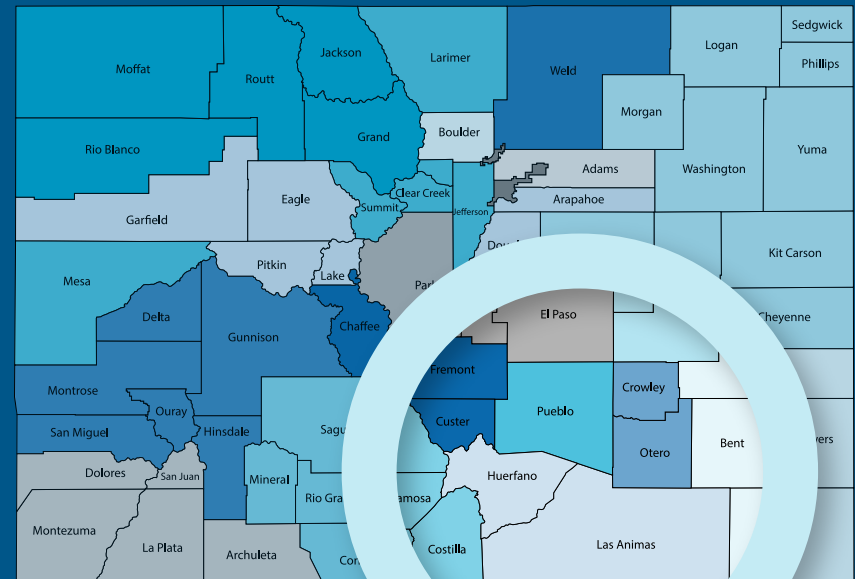
To qualify for the **CHRP waiver**, individuals must:

- ✔ Be a child from **birth (0) up to the age of 21**
- ✔ **Qualify** for Health First Colorado
- ✔ Be **eligible for developmental disability services** through the Community Centered Board in the area where the child lives
- ✔ Have **extraordinary needs** – including complex behavioral and/or medical support needs – that put them at risk of, or in need of, out-of-home placement or institutional care
 - **Extraordinary needs** require a level of care due to complex **behavior** or **medical** support needs that is provided in a residential child care facility or through a community based program. If the eligible child doesn't receive this care, they are at risk of unwarranted child welfare involvement or other system involvement.
 - Eligible children need complex medical supports as a result of a chronic medical condition diagnosed by a licensed physician that has lasted or is expected to last at least twelve months and that without intervention may result in a severely life altering condition.

**Children who meet these qualifications are eligible regardless of child-welfare involvement.*

Do you think you might qualify for services? See your CCB.

[Find your CCB here.](#)





Benefits and services

Through Health First Colorado's Home and Community Based Services, CHRP waiver members have access to the following benefits and services:

- Habilitation Services (24 hour out-of-home residential)
 - Respite Services (in and out-of-home)
 - Supported Community Connections
 - Massage Therapy
 - Hippotherapy
 - Movement Therapy
 - Intensive Support (Wraparound and In-Home Support Services)
 - *Strategies to support the child, their family and/or caregiver(s) to prevent the need for out-of-home placement prior to or during a crisis*
- Wraparound** is an individualized approach to help children with complex needs. Service providers, support team members, the child and their family and/or caregiver(s) all work together to help achieve the family's goals. The team respects the goals and strengths of the family to help build confidence and successes for the child and the family at home, in school and in the community.
- Crisis Mitigation Plan Development
 - Prevention and Monitoring
 - In-Home Support
- Transition Support (Wraparound and In-Home Support Services)
 - *Strategies to support the individual and family when a child transitions back to the family home from an out-of-home placement*
- Risk/Crisis Mitigation Plan Development
 - Prevention and Monitoring
 - In-Home Support





How to apply

The child's family and/or caregiver(s) must contact their local Community Centered Board (CCB) by visiting this website: colorado.gov/hcpf/community-centered-boards to start the waiver application process. Click on the CCB link to find the right contact.

If you have additional questions, please email HCPF_CHRP@state.co.us.

Resources for CHRP waiver members

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- For questions about the CHRP waiver please contact the child's [local Community Centered Board \(CCB\)](#) or access the [Member Contact Center](#).

PROVIDERS

- [The CCB](#) in the area where the child lives will connect the child, family and/or caregiver(s) with local service provider(s). The types of service providers available include:
 - Residential (Habilitation) Service Providers
 - Child Placement Agencies
 - Certified Foster Care Homes
 - Residential Child Care Facilities (RCCF)
 - Kinship Homes
 - Group Homes
 - Massage Therapist
 - Movement Therapist
 - Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist



Information for service providers

In order to offer services to CHRP waiver members, all types of providers must apply to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program).

Health First Colorado providers have the opportunity to improve the health and well-being of many Coloradans. Health First Colorado is more than health insurance – it is a vital public service, helping Colorado citizens stay healthy or move toward better health.



Provider requirements

In order to qualify to provide services for CHRP waiver members, providers must meet specific qualifications. The qualifications are different for each area of services provided. Detailed requirements and qualifications are included by provider type in appendix C of the [CHRP waiver](#).

THE QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Required Licenses
- Certificates and Standards

**The provider qualifications are verified on a regular basis by the Department.*

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How to be a CHRP waiver provider

- If you and your provider organization are **currently enrolled Medicaid providers** you will need to add provider type 36 (HCBS waiver) and CHRP specialty 619.
- If you and your provider organization are **currently enrolled Medicaid HBCS waiver providers** you will need to add CHRP specialty 619.
- If you and your provider organization are **not currently enrolled as Medicaid providers** you will need to complete the enrollment process, and add provider type 36 and CHRP specialty 619. Visit our [providers web page](#) for more information on provider enrollment, rates, etc.



How to enroll to be a Medicaid provider

To offer services to CHRP waiver members, providers and provider/service organizations must first enroll with Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program).



STEP 1

To get started every type of provider needs to visit our [provider enrollment web page](#), where there are important facts and information about the enrollment process.



STEP 2

Download and review the [provider enrollment manual](#).



STEP 3

[Watch the webinar](#) recording about provider revalidation.



STEP 4

Take the provider enrollment training before starting the application through the [Online Provider Enrollment \(OPE\)](#) tool.



For technical assistance during the application process, providers can email questions to Provider.Questions@state.co.us.



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Provider resources

BILLING AND CLAIMS ASSISTANCE

Contact the Provider Services Call Center at 1-844-235-2387 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Wednesday and Friday.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For additional questions, please email HCPF_CHRP@state.co.us.





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