



COLORADO
Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

November 1, 2014

The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Duran:

Enclosed please find a legislative report to the Joint Budget Committee from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) regarding the total number of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are waiting for enrollment into services provided pursuant to Title 25.5, Article 10 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Pursuant to 25.5-10-207.5(3)(a), C.R.S., the enclosed report includes information regarding number of persons waiting for enrollment into the following Home and Community Based Services waiver programs for: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD), Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) and Children's Extensive Support (HCBS-CES). This report also details the number of individuals waiting for enrollment into the following State funded programs: State Funded Supported Living Services and Family Support Services. The report includes the total number of individuals waiting for enrollment, the number of individuals waiting who are receiving some services and those who are eligible but do not need services at this time.

The Department is also required to include in this report information regarding the ongoing implementation of the strategic plan required pursuant to 25.5-10-207.5(4), C.R.S. The first version of the strategic plan is also due to the General Assembly November 1, 2014 and will be submitted to the General Assembly under a separate cover letter. Beginning in November 2015, the Department will include information regarding the ongoing implementation of the strategic plan with this report.

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Zach Lynkiewicz, at Zach.Lynkiewicz@state.co.us or 720-854-9882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Birch".

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**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
POLICY AND FINANCING**

Report to the General Assembly

Total Number of Individuals Waiting for Enrollment Into Services

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

Pursuant to 25.5-10-207.5(3)(a), C.R.S., the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is required to submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the total number of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are waiting for enrollment into a Medicaid or State funded program. This report includes information regarding number of persons waiting for enrollment into the following Home and Community Based Services waiver programs for: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD), Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) and Children’s Extensive Support (HCBS-CES). This report also details the number of individuals waiting for enrollment into the following State funded programs: State Funded Supported Living Services and Family Support Services.

All data in this report was obtained from the Community Contract Management System as of August 31, 2014.

Table 1 details the number of persons needing services immediately who are waiting for an enrollment into one of the programs described above.

Table 1	
Persons Needing Services Immediately Waiting for Enrollment	
Program	Unduplicated Number of Individuals
HCBS-DD Only	1,454
HCBS-SLS Only	954
HCBS-DD and HCBS-SLS	850
HCBS-CES	331
State Funded Supported Living Services	206
Family Support Services Program	7,067

Some individuals are waiting for enrollment immediately into both the HCBS-DD and the HCBS-SLS waivers. In order to report unduplicated numbers of individuals waiting for HCBS waivers, the numbers above are reported as individuals waiting for HCBS-DD only, HCBS-SLS only and those waiting for both waivers.

Please note, the Department has sufficient funding to enroll all individuals currently waiting for the HCBS-SLS and HCBS-CES waivers. All enrollments have been authorized and the Community Centered Boards are currently working to get all eligible individuals enrolled.

Table 2 details the number of individuals needing services immediately who are waiting for enrollment, but currently receiving some Medicaid services.

Table 2 Persons Needing Services Immediately Who Are Receiving Some Services		
Program	Unduplicated Number of Individuals	Percentage of Individuals Waiting
HCBS-DD Only	1,207	83%
HCBS-SLS Only	265	28%
Both HCBS-DD and HCBS-SLS	249	29%
HCBS-CES	155	47%
State Funded Supported Living Services	39	19%
Family Support Services Program	1,661	24%

Table 3 details individuals eligible for services, but who have indicated they do not need services at this time (also known as the safety net). Please note, there is some duplication between the numbers in Table 3 and the numbers reported for individuals needing services immediately in Table 1. For example, an individual may be reported as needing HCBS-DD services immediately, but is also reported on the safety net list for HCBS-SLS.

Table 3 Persons Eligible But Not Needing Services At This Time (Also Known as Safety Net)	
Program	Unduplicated Number of Individuals
HCBS-DD Only	3,109
HCBS-SLS Only	362
Both HCBS-DD and HCBS-SLS	861