

# COLORADO DID YOU KNOW?

**DO YOU LIVE IN COLORADO AND HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER ON AN HCBS WAIVER? CONSUMER DIRECTED ATTENDANT SUPPORT SERVICES (CDASS) CAN ALLOW YOU TO HIRE AND MANAGE YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES TO SELF-DIRECT YOUR OWN CARE.**

CDASS allows HCBS waiver recipients the opportunity to exercise full choice and control over their attendant support services. Under this model, participants decide on services they need to meet their unique needs, and they receive their services at home and in their community without working through a home health or personal care agency. CDASS allows members to receive personal care, homemaker, and skilled health maintenance services through hiring an attendant of their choice such as family or friends. You can read more information about CDASS [here](#).

Self-direction services are home and community-based services (HCBS) that help people—of all ages with different disabilities—live independent lives in their own homes and communities. They maintain their independence by choosing the mix of services and supports that work best for them. Self-direction empowers each program participant to expand his or her degree of choice and control over decisions made about his or her long-term services and support in a highly personalized manner.

Colorado has a rich history in self-direction (commonly called “participant-direction” in Colorado). While there are a variety of self-directed programs in the state for veterans (VD-HCBS programs) and even some locally grant-funded programs, this document focuses on the options to self-direct services through the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF).

Colorado operates a variety of HCBS waivers. Each of these waivers has a variety of services, and self-direction is offered in some, but not all waivers.



## DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is established at the Single Entry Point (SEP) or Community Centered Board (CCB). To participate in CDASS:

- An individual must be enrolled in Medicaid (Health First Colorado).
- A functional needs assessment is required to determine a member’s functional eligibility for HCBS.
- An individual must qualify for one of the HCBS waivers in which CDASS is offered as an approved service delivery option.
- The individual must demonstrate a need for personal care, homemaker, or health maintenance services.
- The individual must either be able to direct his or her own services or have the ability to assign an Authorized Representative (AR) to direct the services. The member must obtain a Physician Attestation of Consumer Capacity, indicating the person has sound judgment and ability to direct their own services.

## HOW TO APPLY

1

Apply for Medicaid

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Tell your case manager you are interested in the CDASS program.

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Your case manager will set you up with a referral for CDASS employer training.