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Dear Stakeholders:

Hi. Three opportunities have been scheduled to provide you with an overview of changes proposed in the draft Medicaid Waiver renewal applications for the three DD Home and Community Based Services waivers including: HCBS-DD (Comprehensive), Supported Living Services and Children's Extensive Support. Federal authorization to continue waivers must be sought at prescribed intervals and all three waivers require renewal by July 1, 2009. If approved by federal CMS, these waiver changes would be implemented starting July 1, 2009. These three sessions will cover the major proposed changes to the DD waivers, including new uniform service rates and spending caps for SLS and CES. While a few changes are proposed for HCBS-DD, most of the changes relate to the SLS and CES waivers. There will be time following each presentation and teleconference for you to ask questions. More details on these events are provided below.

PRESENTATION -

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2009
- **Time:** 2 to 4:30 pm
- **Location:** Fort Logan Auditorium, 3520 W Oxford, Denver
- **Slides:** Handouts will be available for the first 100 attendees. Slides will also be posted by the end of next week on DDD's Website at <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd/WhatsNew.htm>

DAYTIME TELECONFERENCE #1 -

- **Date:** Monday, March 9, 2009
- **Time:** 2 to 4:30 pm
- **Instructions:** Use attached Toll free Line #1 teleconference instructions to attend. To mute your phone during the conference call, dial *6*, and dial that again (*6*) to "un-mute" it when/if you need to ask a question.
- **Slides:** You will need to have the slides available during the teleconference. Slides will also be posted by the end of next week on DDD's Website at <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd/WhatsNew.htm>
- **# of Attendees:** Our toll free conference line will accept a maximum of 100 calls. We apologize if that maximum is exceeded and you are unable to access the line.

EVENING TELECONFERENCE #2 – This session is aimed at stakeholders who might find it difficult to attend during the daytime, and while it will cover most of the same materials; it will be shorter and will have less emphasis on CCB or provider specific changes.

- **Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2009
- **Time:** 7 pm to 8:30 pm
- **Instructions:** Use attached Toll free Line #1 teleconference instructions to attend. Once you are connected, wait for the moderator to start the session. The moderator will be start within 5 min. of the indicated starting time. While it is okay to join the session late, if you want to catch it all please dial in by 7 pm or the session may already be underway.
 - **Muting your phone** - Note that you might want to 'mute' your phone, if there are background noises at your site, as they will interfere with other listeners. To mute your phone during the conference call, dial *6*, and dial that again (*6*) to un-mute it when/if you need to ask a question.
- **Slides:** You will need to have the slides to look at during the teleconference as the moderator will be referring to slide numbers as she talks. The slides are attached and will also be posted by the end of next week on DDD's Website at <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd/WhatsNew.htm>
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ASSISTANCE REQUESTED OF CCBs, PROVIDERS, & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS - Please share this notice with your constituency. Also, since our toll free conference line only accepts 100 callers, if possible and if you think needed by your constituency, then please consider setting up a conference call room in your building and inviting your constituency to attend from your site rather than calling in directly. If you need the slides in 'Powerpoint' format, please let me know (attached are in PDF format for distribution to constituency).

DRAFT WAIVERS RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

- DDD has posted copies of the 3 draft waivers on the DDD website for public review at: <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ddd/WhatsNew.htm>

COMMENTS on DRAFT WAIVER RENEWALS:

- Comments can be e-mailed to: DevelopmentDisabilities.FAQ@state.co.us or mailed to Attention: Waiver Renewal Comments, Division for Developmental Disabilities at 4055 South Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80236.
- **DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS – March 16, 2009.**

We would like to thank the many individuals and organization that have provided input, advice and information to assist our departments in the development of the draft waiver renewal applications and proposed new rates.

Hope to see you or talk to you on either Monday March 9th or Tuesday, March 10th!

Sincerely,

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