

CFC for CMHS Waiver Members



What is CFC?

Community First Choice (CFC) is a new program you can access in addition to your waiver. CFC allows some services that were only in specific waivers to be available to anyone who needs them regardless of how they access Medicaid. CFC also expands how you can access those services.

More services and more options to more people!

Am I eligible for CFC?

Anyone who qualifies for the CMHS waiver is eligible for CFC also.

Who will help me?

Your case manager will walk you through the process, options, and any needed assessments when you do your annual waiver renewal meeting.

When can I add CFC?

At your next waiver renewal starting July 1, 2025

Do I have to add CFC?

Some services you may already be using like homemaker are moving so to keep using those services you will need to add CFC.

Learn more about CFC at:
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/community-first-choice-option>

What's Changing for CMHS Members?

The following services will be moved from the waiver to CFC or added as new CFC services:

- *Moved: Personal Care, Homemaker, Home Delivered Meals, Medication Reminder, Personal Emergency Response Systems, Remote Services, Transition Set Up.*
- *Added: Acquisition, Maintenance and Enhancement of Skills (AME); Health Maintenance Activities; IHSS service delivery model*

Current waiver members will transition to CFC for these services at the time of their scheduled Continued Stay Review between 7/1/25-6/30/26. Services will be provided through waivers until the member transitions to CFC.

Wellness Education Benefit – New benefit added to the CMHS waiver

CMHS Services

- Adult Day Services
- Alternative Care Facilities
- Home Modifications and Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Life Skills Training
- Mental Health Transitional Living Homes
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Peer Mentorship
- Respite
- Wellness Education Benefit

CFC Services

- Personal Care (unskilled)
 - Through traditional agency, IHSS, or CDASS
 - Including AME (teaching)
- Homemaker (unskilled)
 - Through traditional agency, IHSS, or CDASS
 - Including AME (teaching)
- Health Maintenance Activities (skilled)
 - Through IHSS or CDASS
- Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)
- Medication Reminders
- Transition Setup
- Home Delivered Meals
- Remote Supports and Technology

Have questions? Contact us!

