



To: House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee  
Date: May 2, 2023  
Re: Written testimony in support of SB 23-289 – Community First Choice Medicaid Benefit

Alliance is a statewide, non-profit association of Community Centered Boards, Program Approved Service Agencies, advocacy organizations, and businesses serving the IDD community. Our members provide Home and Community-Based Services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the state of Colorado.

Alliance supports SB 23-289 and urges its passage. The Community First Choice option will expand access to critical services for people with disabilities while also increasing Colorado's return on investment by accessing a larger federal match on Medicaid funds. The bill will also aid Colorado's efforts to comply with DOJ findings to ensure access to community-based supports for people with physical disabilities.

Alliance looks forward to working with the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing to successfully implement the CFC option to ensure access to the applicable services statewide.

Alliance is a nonprofit, statewide association comprised of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) case management and provider agencies, businesses serving the IDD community, and disability advocacy organizations.

Alliance is proud to represent all 20 Colorado CCBs and over 80 PASAs. Together, our members serve over 20,000 people with IDD and employ thousands of professionals to support them.

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