

# Joint House and Senate Health and Human Services Committee

## Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

### HB 14-1051 Update

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# Today's Presentation

## Annual update on House Bill 14-1051: Developmental Disabilities Strategic Plan

- ✓ Background on Programs for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- ✓ Waiting List Progress & Management
- ✓ New Enrollments Update
- ✓ Cost Estimate
- ✓ Related Initiatives

# Program Background

# Who Receives Long-Term Services & Supports?

13%



**Children & Adolescents**  
ages 20 & younger  
& qualifying former  
foster care youth

43%



**Adults**  
ages  
21-64

44%



**Older Adults**  
ages 65  
or older

## Cross Disability

- **Physical Disabilities** - i.e., Spinal Cord Injury, Parkinson's disease
- **Cognitive Disabilities** - I/DD, Brain Injury, Dementia
- **Mental Health**

86% have a **chronic condition**  
(compared to 29% of all Medicaid  
members)

37% have 5 or more chronic conditions

# Long-Term Services & Supports Programs

Home & Community- Based  
Services (HCBS)  
Waivers

53,662

State-Funded Only  
Programs

7,298

Facility-Based Programs

12,596

Program of All-Inclusive  
Care for the Elderly

5,192

Long-Term Home Health &  
Private Duty Nursing

4,439

Total Served I/DD  
Related-Programs

23,217

Total Served in  
LTSS

83,187

# Waiting List Progress and Management

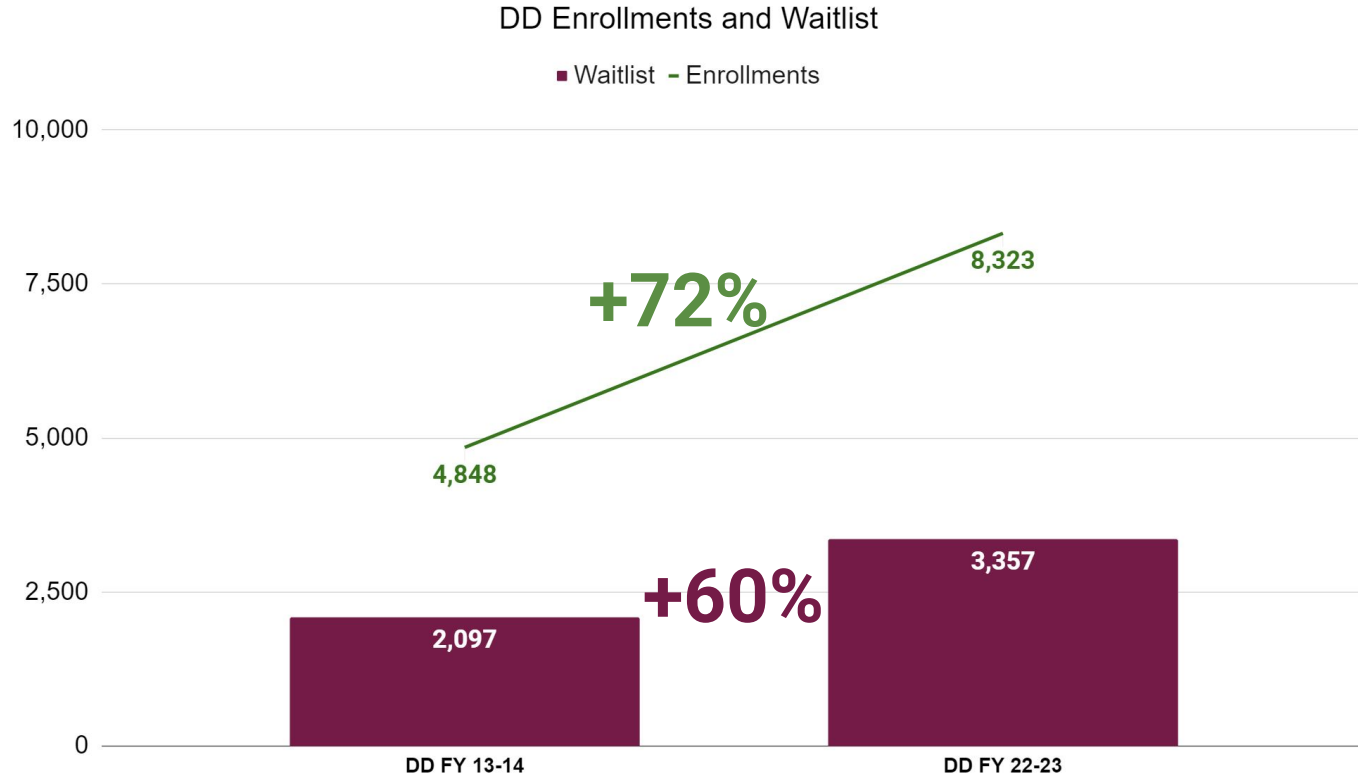
# Managing the Waitlist

The Department submitted the **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Strategic Plan on November 1, 2014** in response to HB 14-1051 and has subsequently submitted an annual update. There was **no corresponding appropriation** for implementation of this strategic plan.

The Department can **authorize enrollments** into the DD waiver three ways:

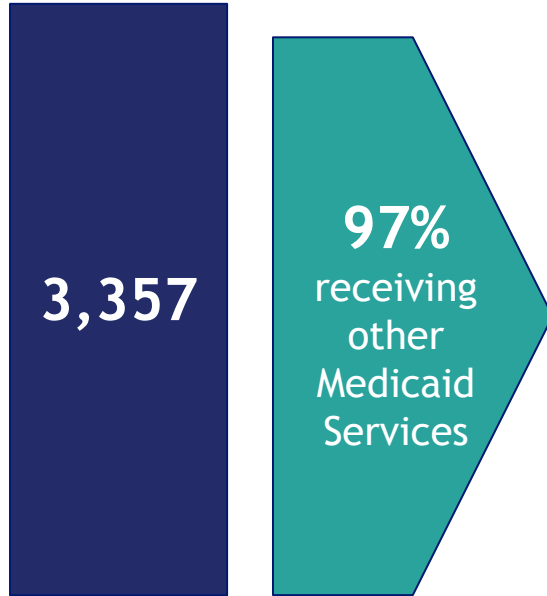
- New enrollments
- Efficient management of the churn
- Reserve capacity enrollments

# Waiting List Progress



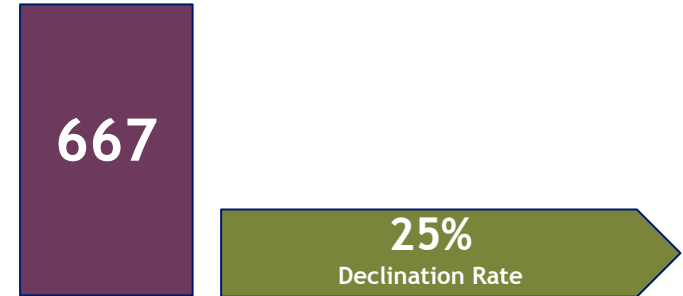


# Meeting The Needs of Members



**"As Soon As Available" DD  
Waiting List**

**Primary Declination Reason:**  
Individuals reporting they are  
happy with their current  
services

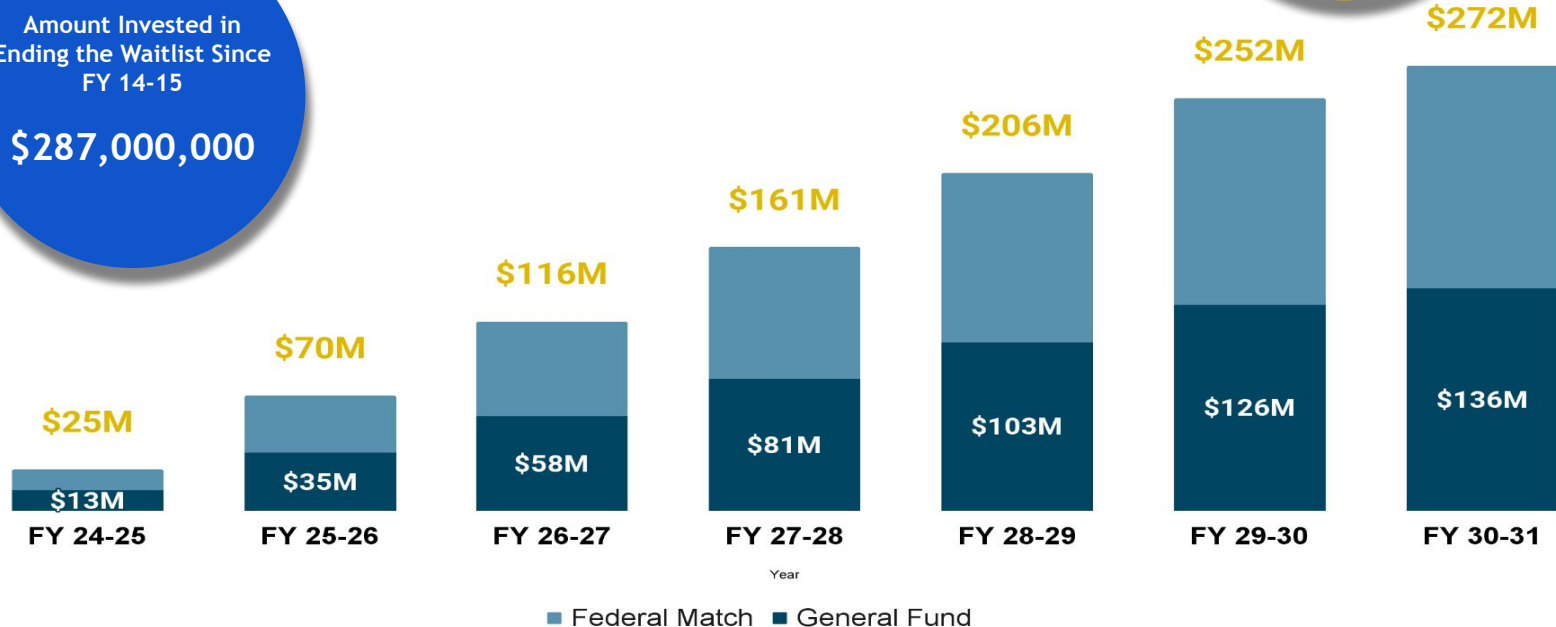


**New Enrollments  
Authorized through  
SB21-205**

# Investment for Enrollment Growth

Amount Invested in  
Ending the Waitlist Since  
FY 14-15  
**\$287,000,000**

Total cost to end the  
waitlist by 2031 &  
ongoing  
**\$272,000,000**



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Initiative	Impact
HCBS SLS Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HCPF expanded access to care through FY21/22 request to individuals with IDD enrolled in the SLS waiver.</li><li>• Goal of mitigating emergency enrollment into DD waiver by better meeting needs of those with higher needs on SLS waiver by providing exceptions to unit and service plan authorization limits</li><li>• To date, 135 requests, impacting 79 members, have been evaluated through the HCBS-SLS exception process.</li></ul>
Elimination of Sub-minimum Wage Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In collaboration with state partners, HCPF is preparing to announce that subminimum wage has officially ended in Colorado, two years ahead of schedule.</li><li>• As more individuals with disabilities are employed with real pay, health outcomes improve, which leads to less need for higher level of care</li></ul>
Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Waiver Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In July 2019, CHRP expanded to include children ages 0 to 21 who have an IDD and very high needs, removed the requirement that the member be in child welfare; now includes 2 new services as youth transition into adulthood</li><li>• Enrollments have increased substantially from 2019, reaching over 322 participants in July 2023</li><li>• Anticipated continued growth will reduce need for enrollment into HCBS-DD waiver for individuals aged 18-20</li></ul>
Remote Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Long Appropriations Bill, SB 21-210 approved expansion of Electronic Monitoring benefit to include a remote supports component to 5 waivers, including SLS waiver</li><li>• HCPF anticipates that the availability of remote supports for individuals on the SLS waiver will eliminate the need for a DD waiver enrollment for some individuals on the DD waiver waiting list</li></ul>

# Thank You!

# Waiver Services

