



To: Members of the House Health & Human Services Committee
From: Ellen Jensby, Alliance
Date: March 5, 2024

Re: Support HB 24-1229 Presumptive Eligibility for Long-Term Care

Dear Members of the House Health & Human Services Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 24-1229, *Presumptive Eligibility for Long-Term Care*. I write today to request your support for this bill.

Alliance is a statewide, non-profit association of Providers and Case Management Agencies serving Coloradans with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Our members primarily provide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) through Medicaid and know first-hand that the eligibility process can be complex for people with IDD and their families to navigate.

This important bill will expand Presumptive Eligibility for people with disabilities, including people with IDD, allowing them to more quickly access services to meet their needs. By expediting the eligibility process, people with IDD may be able to avoid or shorten stays in institutional settings such as nursing facilities and hospitals and instead access more individualized supports.

Presumptive Eligibility is an important tool for streamlining the HCBS eligibility process and we support its expansion in Colorado. We thank the Department for its work on this legislation and urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen M. Jensby".

Ellen Jensby
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