

WAIVER REQUEST -- October 19, 2015

FY 2015-16 Request to Waive the Six-Month Encumbrance Deadline Pursuant to Section 24-30-1404 (7), C.R.S.

Human Services
IT Systems Interoperability

MOTION Approve the waiver request for the FY 2015-16 appropriation to the IT Systems Interoperability project (\$12,815,940), contingent upon a recommendation by the Joint Technology Committee to waive the deadline.

SUMMARY

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) is requesting a waiver of the six-month encumbrance deadline for the FY 2015-16 appropriation to the IT Systems Interoperability project. DHS is requesting this waiver because the project requires approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to the receipt of federal funds. CMS is providing a 90/10 federal/state match for the project. CMS did not begin the approval process until the state demonstrated that the 10 percent match was available (through the 2015 Long Bill appropriation). In July 2015, DHS and the Department Health Care Policy and Financing engaged CMS in the approval process for federal funding. A subject matter expert for the project has also been procured. Full approval by CMS is anticipated by March 2016.

The project standardizes all existing IT systems under an interoperability environment by allowing the systems to exchange information through interfaces. Without removing the data from the core system, the project adds necessary technology components, security, and governance while allowing the data to be available to users.

FY 2015-16 APPROPRIATION AMOUNT

Fund Source	Appropriation
CCF	\$1,281,594
FF	\$11,534,346
Total	\$12,815,940

STAFF QUESTIONS

All responses to staff questions were incorporated into the project write-up.