

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 15-1318**

First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

Joint Budget Committee. The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing (state department) to administer medicaid home- and community-based services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities pursuant to a single waiver, effective July 1, 2016, or as soon as the state department receives federal authorization for a single consolidated waiver. ~~The bill lists the services that must be included in the single consolidated waiver.~~ The state department shall report to the joint budget committee concerning the status of federal approval of the ~~single consolidated~~ *redesigned* waiver. *The bill includes principles guiding the design of the waiver, and requires the redesigned waiver to include a functional eligibility assessment, a person-centered assessment process, and a payment system that ensures fair distribution of available resources for both providers and consumers. Further, the redesigned waiver must ensure continuity of support, including residential services, for eligible individuals enrolled in the medicaid home- and community-based services waivers serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who were receiving services as of January 1, 2016, and who have maintained waiver eligibility.*

The bill requires the state department, ~~in collaboration~~ *with input from* community-centered boards, to develop a plan, no later than July 1, 2016, for the delivery of conflict-free case management services and a reasonable timeline for implementation of the plan. The state department will report to the joint budget committee concerning the plan and any necessary statutory changes to implement the plan.

The bill appropriates moneys from the developmental disabilities services cash fund to implement the bill and assumes the receipt of federal funds for the same purpose.