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The legislation provides for a 6.5% rate increase targeted for direct support professionals' compensation scheduled to begin in March 2019 after approval by the Center for Medicare/ Medicaid Services (CMS). Additionally, IDD providers will receive a 1% rate increase, which is called the "Common Policy."

Many thanks to the Colorado Joint Budget Committee for supporting the bill, and to Alliance Colorado, an IDD advocacy organization, for their thoughtful work promoting the bill. Additional thanks to those who signed the petition endorsing the concept of the legislation, and to those who reached out to their legislators.

DDRC spent several years working with legislators to communicate the importance of these issues, their impact and consequences, and to address legislators' questions. We also took an active part in offering input to this year's bill and working for its passage.