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## **Expansion of Health First Colorado Buy-In to allow qualifying members to access Brain Injury or Spinal Cord Injury Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)**

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The Department has received federal authorization to allow individuals enrolled in the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) Buy-In program for Working Adults with Disabilities (Adult Buy-In/WAwD) to also access Brain Injury (BI) Waiver services or Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Waiver services if found functionally eligible. This will be available for individuals who meet targeting criteria effective April 1, 2017. For further information regarding this change, refer to [House Bill 16-1321](#).

The Department will be maintaining a manual enrollment for these individuals until the systems are ready. CBMS systems updates will be completed in an upcoming release and will be restricted with an effective begin date of July 1, 2017. This means that individuals that are determined to meet all eligibility criteria for Adult Buy-In/WAwD + HCBS BI or HCBS SCI will not have an effective begin date prior to July 1, 2017 within CBMS. However, individuals enrolled through the manual enrollment process will have access to services effective as of April 1, 2017 or later (depending on their established eligibility date).

**PLEASE READ:** County staff do not need to change their current process for entering Level of Care (LOC) determinations in CBMS in the event a LOC determination is received from a Case Management Agency (CMA) when a member on the Adult Buy-In/WAwD is found functionally eligible for HCBS BI or SCI. The LOC determination should be entered in CBMS within the LTC Level of Care page and member eligibility re-determined. Eligibility results should be communicated to the CMA. The member continues to meet eligibility criteria for Adult Buy-In/WAwD primary category or they now meet all eligibility criteria for HCBS BI or HCBS SCI primary category.

**For Health First Colorado Buy-In for Working Adults with Disabilities eligibility questions, please review the [FAQ](#) or please contact:**

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