



Community Information Session

Let's talk about: PETI, Olmstead,
and Colorado's Medicaid
Commission



Introductions



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Goals for today

Session Purpose

- Provide clarity, updates, and space for dialogue on system changes.

Commitment to Support

- We aim to foster transparency, answer questions, and reinforce our long-standing commitment to quality care.



Key Topics For Today's Session

PETI

- Overview- the why and what
- What this means for you

Olmstead

- What is this?
- What has changed?
- Why are we talking about it?

Medicaid Commission

- Overview
- What this could mean to you

Q & A

- What's on your mind?

UNDERSTANDING

PETI

POST ELIGIBILITY TREATMENT OF INCOME

PETI: Post Eligibility Treatment of Income



What We **Will** Cover

- What PETI is
- Who it impacts
- How and when it will be assessed
- Inclusions and exclusions
- Next steps and resources

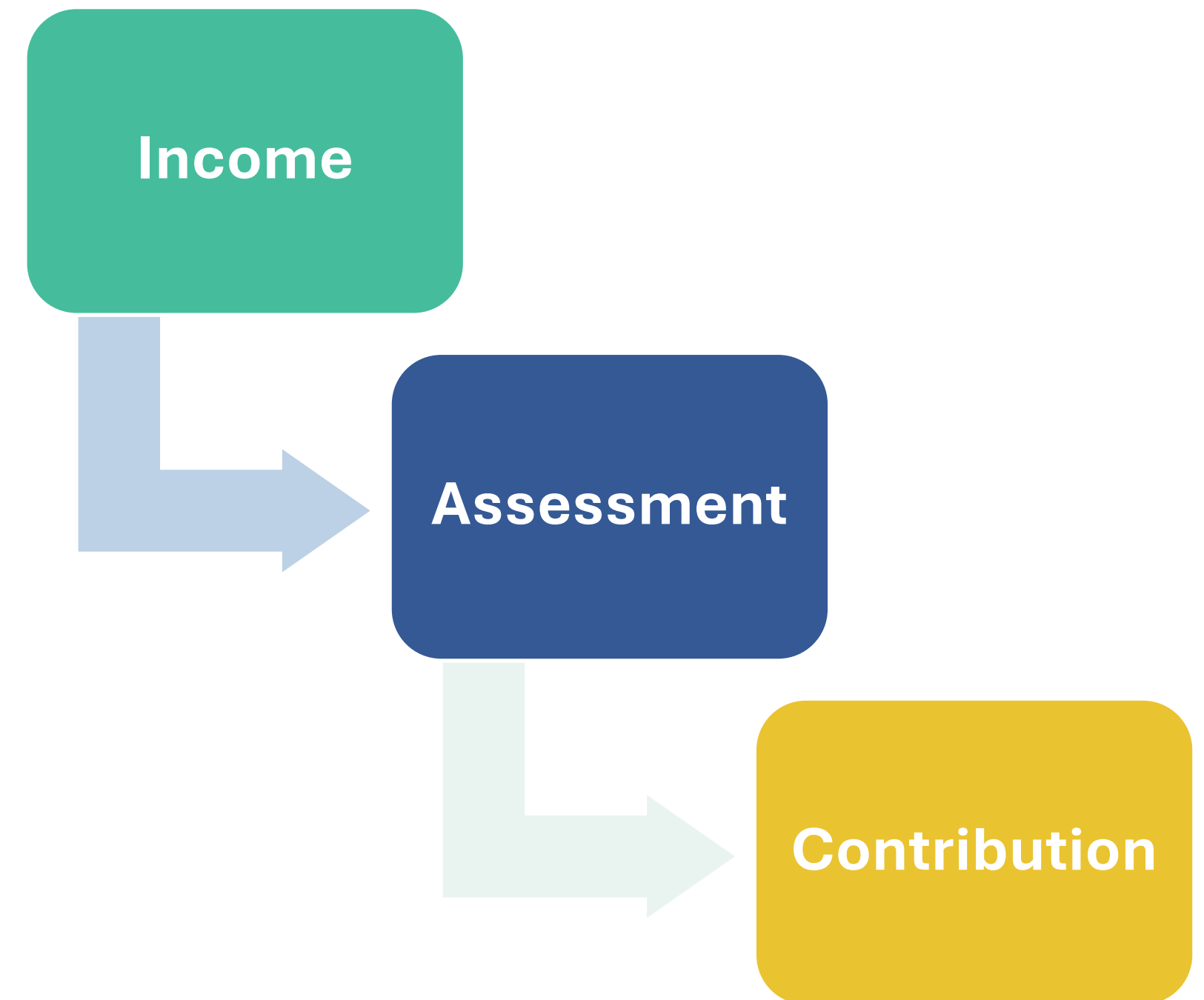
What We **Will Not** Cover

- Individual scenarios
- Opinions or interpretations about HCPF decisions
- Potential or future changes to PETI

PETI: What is PETI?

PETI – Post Eligibility Treatment of Income

- ✓ Determines if a person pays toward the cost of residential services.
- ✓ Works like a copay, based on income and allowable expenses.
- ✓ Assesses Individual income only.
- × Impact eligibility
- × Change room and board payments
- × Reduce services and supports



PETI: Who Does it Apply to?

Everyone will be assessed for PETI. Not everyone will pay PETI.



**Individuals must be able to provide documentation verifying employment.*

PETI: How and When is PETI Assessed?

IMPLEMENTATION



August 1, 2026

ASSESSMENT



- Completed by Case Management Agencies (CMAs).
- Person Centered Support Plan Meetings
- OR quarterly monitoring **if** plan year starts July or August.
- OR PAR changes during the plan year
- Re-assessment when monthly income changes over \$150.

DOCUMENTATION



- Proof of income and expenses.
- Sign a PETI attestation:
 - Participated in the assessment
 - Information is accurate
 - PETI payment is reviewed with the CMA.

INVOICE



- PETI amounts are **monthly** and will be invoiced by the residential provider agency.

PETI: Residential Provider Expectations

Residential Provider Agencies are expected to:

Review PETI worksheets and related documentation received from the CMA

Review Member payment responsibilities with Members and authorized representatives, as applicable

Collect Member payment amounts identified on the PETI worksheet

Bill Medicaid using the identified Medicaid reimbursement amounts

Continue maintaining applicable Room and Board requirements in residential agreements

Review updated implementation guidance, provider fact sheets, and operational communications distributed by HCPF.

PETI: Income Inclusions & Exclusions

Included Income

- Social Security benefits
- Railroad Retirement benefits
- Pensions
- Disabled Adult Child (DAC) benefits
- Annuities
- 1st party Trust or ABLE contributions
- Trust or ABLE account distributions used for non disability related expenses
- Payments from long-term care insurance policies

Excluded Income

- Family member income
- 3rd party contributions to Trust or ABLE accounts
- SNAP benefits
- Section 8 Housing Vouchers
- Income from employment.
 - Individuals who work are exempt from PETI requirements

Exempted Individuals

- ✓ People who are independently employed (ongoing /active work)
- ✓ People with supported employment services – active employment only (job coaching)
- ✓ People Enrolled in the Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities (WAwD)

PETI: Expense Deductions Before Calculation



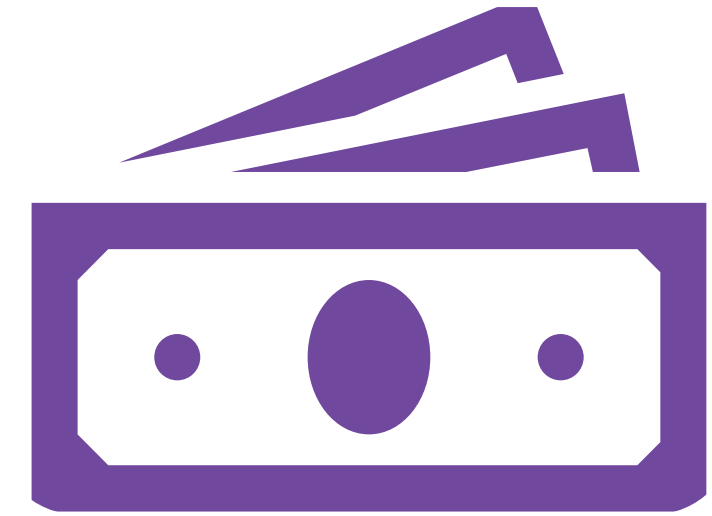
Medical Expenses:
Health insurance
premiums, medical
supplies, vision,
hearing, dental,
prescriptions



Financial support for
spouse and dependent

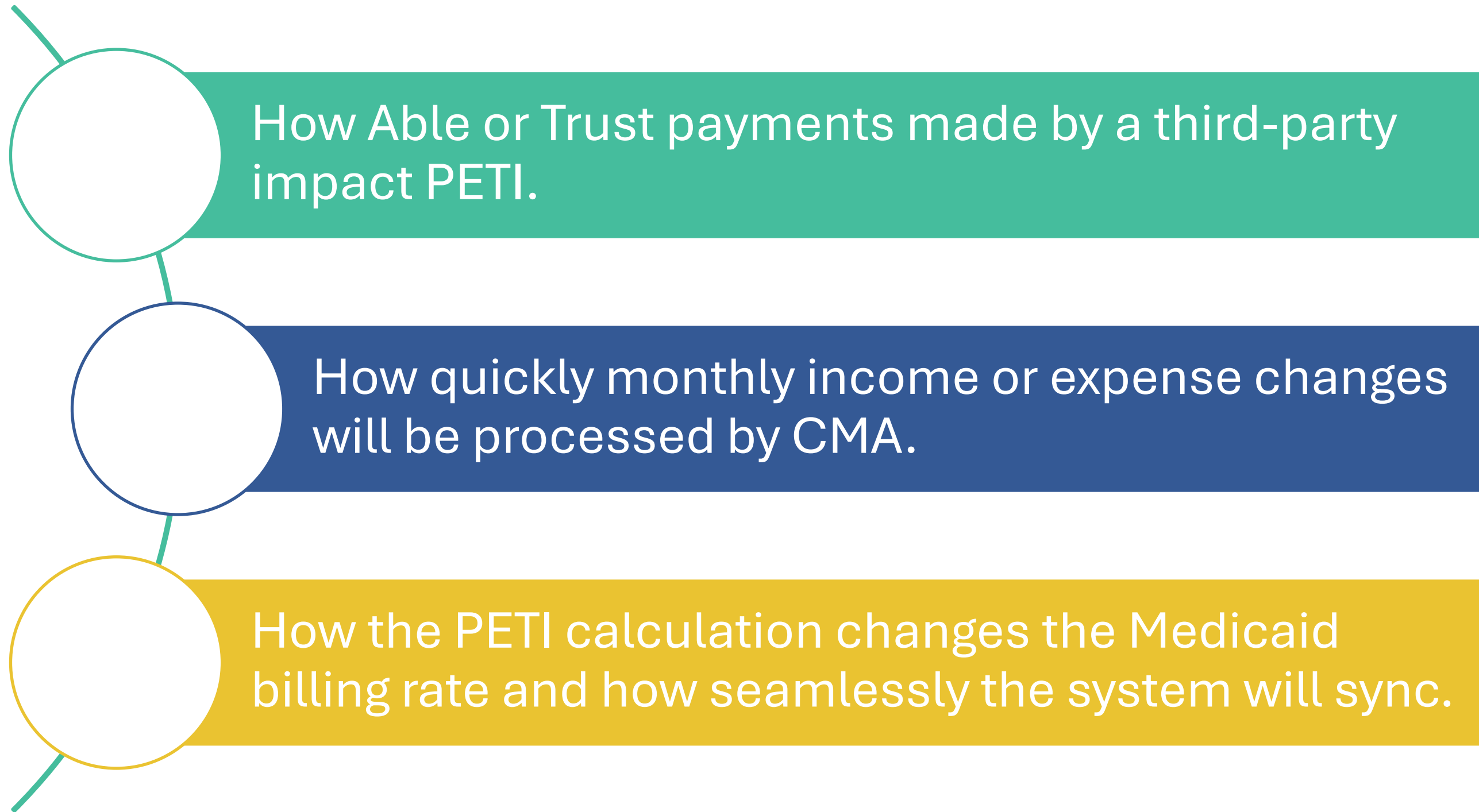


Housing expenses:
Costs to maintain an
unoccupied residence,
independent housing
charges



Taxes: Required state
and federal payments
up to \$300/ month.

PETI: What We're Watching



PETI: Worksheet & Review

Form Link: [DD PETI - Non-Denver August 2026](#)



Member Payment For Home And Community Based Services
Post Eligibility Treatment Of Income (PETI) Form

Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Residential Services And Support
Outside Denver County

Member Name:		County:	
Member ID:		Case Manager:	
Provider Agency:		CM Phone #:	
Start Date: 8/1/2026	End Date: 6/30/2027	Total Days: 334	

Select a Service

Select an option

Is the member eligible for a PETI exemption?

Member's Gross Monthly Income (from all sources)

This includes, but is not limited to: Social Security, Railroad Retirement Benefits, Veterans Assistance, Private Pension/Retirement Benefits, or other:

Step 1 \$ -

Member's Gross Monthly Long Term Care Insurance Amount

Step 2 \$ -

Total Member's Gross Monthly Income

\$ -

Personal Needs Allowance

\$ -

Member's Personal Needs Allowance Maximum

\$ 435.46

Member Payment Amount

Member Obligation for Service Payment to Provider Agency

\$ -

Member Housing

Independently Arranged Room & Board

Step 3

Select an option

Standard Room and Board Rate¹

\$ 810.00

Total Member Payment to Provider Agency

\$ -

Maintenance Allowance for Other Family Member²

(See Section 8.486.61 B.2. and B.3.)

Step 4 \$ -

Allowances for Member's Non-covered Medical Needs

(See Section 8.486.61(4)). This includes, but is not limited to: Health Insurance Premiums, Non-covered Medical Bills, Non-covered Prescription Drugs, Non-covered Medical Supplies and Equipment, Eye, Ear & Dental, and other Medical or Remedial Care (Please specify the non-covered needs and their amount, if you need more room, please attach on another sheet)

Step 5 \$ -

Tax Allowance

Step 6 \$ -

Total Allowances including Personal Needs Allowance

\$ -

Member's Income

Income Available to member to pay to Provider Agency

\$ -

Overage Income

\$ -

Total Income available to the member including Personal Needs Allowance

\$ -

Monthly Payment to Provider Agency

Monthly Payment to Provider Agency

\$ -

Member's Payment for Services to Provider Agency

\$ -

Monthly amount billable by fiscal agent for remaining Services
(Service amount minus the member's payment for Services)

\$ -

Daily Medicaid payment for services

\$ -

Member Consent and Understanding

I have reviewed the information included on this page and understand that the payments indicated here are due beginning (enter date) 8/1/2026 and the 1st of each following month I receive services.
I agree to report immediately to my case manager changes of \$150 or more in income, expenses, or household makeup which affect my payment amount.

Member's/Guardian's Signature & Date

Case Manager's Signature & Date

Resident Payment \$ - a month

Provider Reimbursement \$ - a day

C.C.R. 8.486.10 "HCBS-EED Case Management Functions"; C.C.R. 8.509.30 "HCBS-CMHS Case Management Functions"; C.C.R. 8.7101.5 "HCBS-DD Case Management Functions"; C.C.R. 8.7202 BB "Calculation of Client Payment (PETI)"

Version : 1.0
Effective Date : August 1, 2026

WHAT

The amount a person may pay toward residential services.

WHO

All individuals receiving residential services through an HCBS Waiver

WHEN

Implemented August 1, 2026

- During the Person-Centered Support Plan Meeting
- or quarterly monitoring
- or during a PAR revision

HOW

Through an assessment of income, assets, and allowable expenses.

- Completed by the Case Management Agency
- Re-assessed any time there is a monthly income change over \$150.

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PETI: Next Steps & Resources

1. **Gather and organize income and expense documents.**
2. **Loop Imagine! into PETI conversations with the CMA.**
3. **Use and explore resources**
 - Medicaid Sustainability website
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/medicaid-sustainability-and-ltss>
 - Imagine! Medicaid updates
[Medicaid Updates 2026: What Families Should Know - Imagine!](#)
4. **Call or email for help**

Sign up for
the monthly
newsletter





Lois Curtis & Elaine Wilson

OLMSTEAD

Olmstead: Why We're Talking About It

Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice announced changes to how it plans to enforce part of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Those announcements have sparked conversations across the disability community, raising questions about what might change in the future. At Imagine!, we want everyone to have the same, accurate information.

✓ Imagine!
continues providing
services.

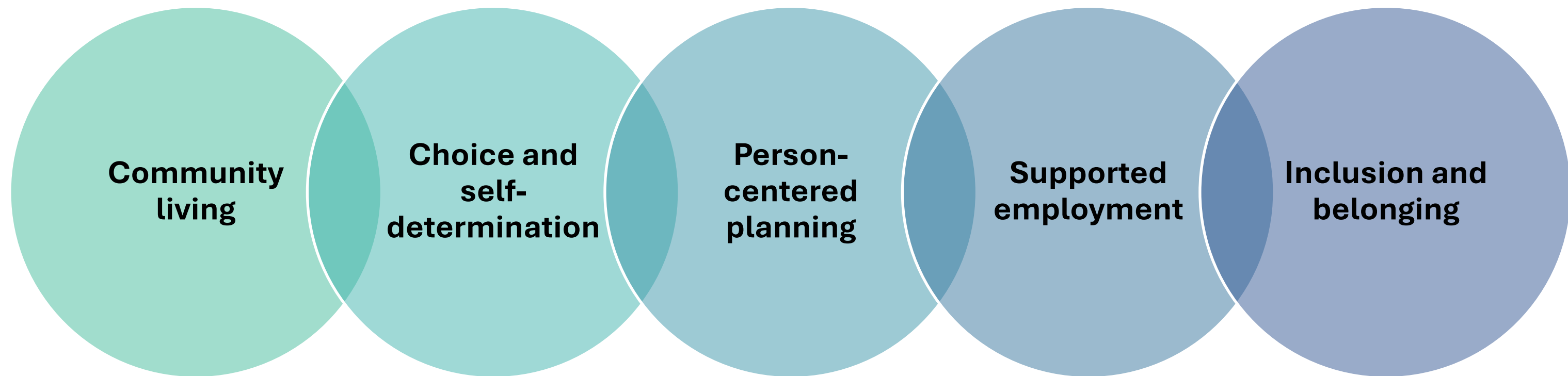
✓ The people we
support continue
receiving services.

✓ Colorado's laws
and Medicaid rules
have **not** changed.

What is Olmstead?

Olmstead began as the name of a 1999 U.S. Supreme Court case.

Today, it represents a much broader principle: **People with disabilities should have the opportunity to live meaningful lives in their communities, with the supports they need and the choices they deserve.**



Olmstead: What's Being Debated

The ADA has not changed. Olmstead has not been overturned.
What's changing is how the federal government ***interprets*** and ***enforces*** those laws.

What We Know

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is still the law.

The Supreme Court's Olmstead decision still stands.

Colorado laws and Medicaid rules have not changed and programming is not changing.

Imagine!'s mission and services remain the same.

What We're Watching

How DOJ's new interpretation will influence future enforcement.

Whether courts agree with the DOJ's legal position.

Whether states change policy in response.

What long-term impacts on disability advocacy and community living these changes may bring in.

Olmstead: What Does This Mean for Imagine!?

We will continue to



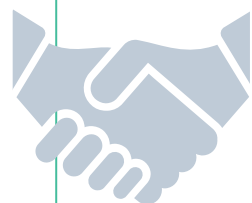
Support people in living meaningful lives in their communities.



Deliver high-quality services.



Monitor policy developments.



Partner with statewide advocacy organizations.



Keep employees, families, and the community informed.

Olmstead: What Can Individuals & Families Do?

Right now, you don't need to change anything about your services or supports.

Stay Informed

Look for updates from Imagine! and trusted disability advocacy organizations.

Ask Questions

If something you hear is confusing or concerning, ask us. We may not have every answer yet, but we'll share what we know.

Share Facts, Not Rumors

There is a lot of conversation about Olmstead right now. The ADA remains law, Olmstead has not been overturned, and Colorado's rules have not changed.

Keep Making Choices

Continue talking with your team about the life, supports, services, work, home, and community connections that matter to you.

Share Your Voice

Tell us what you're experiencing, what you're concerned about, and what you want us to keep watching.

Colorado's Medicaid Commission

What Will It Do?

- The Commission will meet through **December 2026**, when it is expected to adopt its final report and recommendations.

New Medicaid Commission

Colorado has launched a new bipartisan **Medicaid Commission** to examine the long-term sustainability of the state's Medicaid program and develop recommendations for future policy changes.

Why now?

- Medicaid costs have been growing faster than available state revenue, creating significant pressure on Colorado's budget.
- Colorado anticipates funding cuts due to HR1 through 2032

Why This Matters to Imagine!

- The Commission's work could help shape future decisions about:**
- How Medicaid services are funded
 - Provider reimbursement and system sustainability
 - Eligibility and access to benefits
 - Long-term services and supports

Important: The Commission has not made policy recommendations or decisions at this time. This is a process we will be following closely over the coming months.

Imagine! Will Keep You Updated

What Happens Next?

Imagine! will continue to:

- Monitor Commission meetings and emerging recommendations
- Participate in advocacy and stakeholder conversations when appropriate
- Share relevant updates with staff, individuals, and families
- Provide context about what developments may mean for our community

Upcoming meetings:

September 2 @ 11 AM-4 PM | September 17 @ 11 AM- 4 PM **LTSS Specific

Learn more here: <https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/2026A/interim/CommissiononMedicaid>

Colorado's Medicaid Commission: Ways to get involved

Office hours

- Available office hours will be listed on the Medicaid Commission webpage:
[https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/2026A/interim/Commission on Medicaid](https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/2026A/interim/Commission%20on%20Medicaid)

Stakeholder survey

Targeted questions for family caregivers, the disability community, and counties. 15-30 minutes to complete



Share your experience

- A short form for anyone who wants to tell the Commission what Medicaid has been like for them. 5 minutes to fill out



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Questions & Conversation



- ✓ **Ask what's on your mind.** If you're wondering about it, others may be too.
- ✓ **Share your perspective.** Different experiences help us better understand the impact of changes in our community.
- ✓ **Speak from your own experience** and make space for others to do the same.
- ✓ **It's okay if we don't have every answer today.** We'll follow up when a question needs more research.
- ✓ **Prefer to connect privately?** We're happy to continue the conversation after the session.

More Ways to Stay Connected

Communication doesn't end when today's session does.

Our Feedback & Communication webpage is a central place to:

- ✓ Share feedback, questions, concerns, or ideas
- ✓ Learn how and where to report urgent concerns
- ✓ Understand what happens after feedback is submitted
- ✓ Find additional ways to connect with Imagine!



<https://imaginecolorado.org/feedback/>

Your voice helps us listen, learn, and improve.

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THANK YOU!



Any questions for us?

Find resources online @

<https://team.imaginecolorado.org/>

