

# State Plans for Continuing Key Medicaid Home and Community-Based Flexibilities Implemented During the Public Health Emergency

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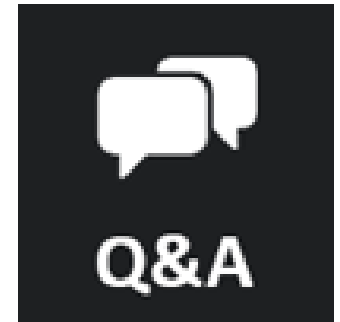


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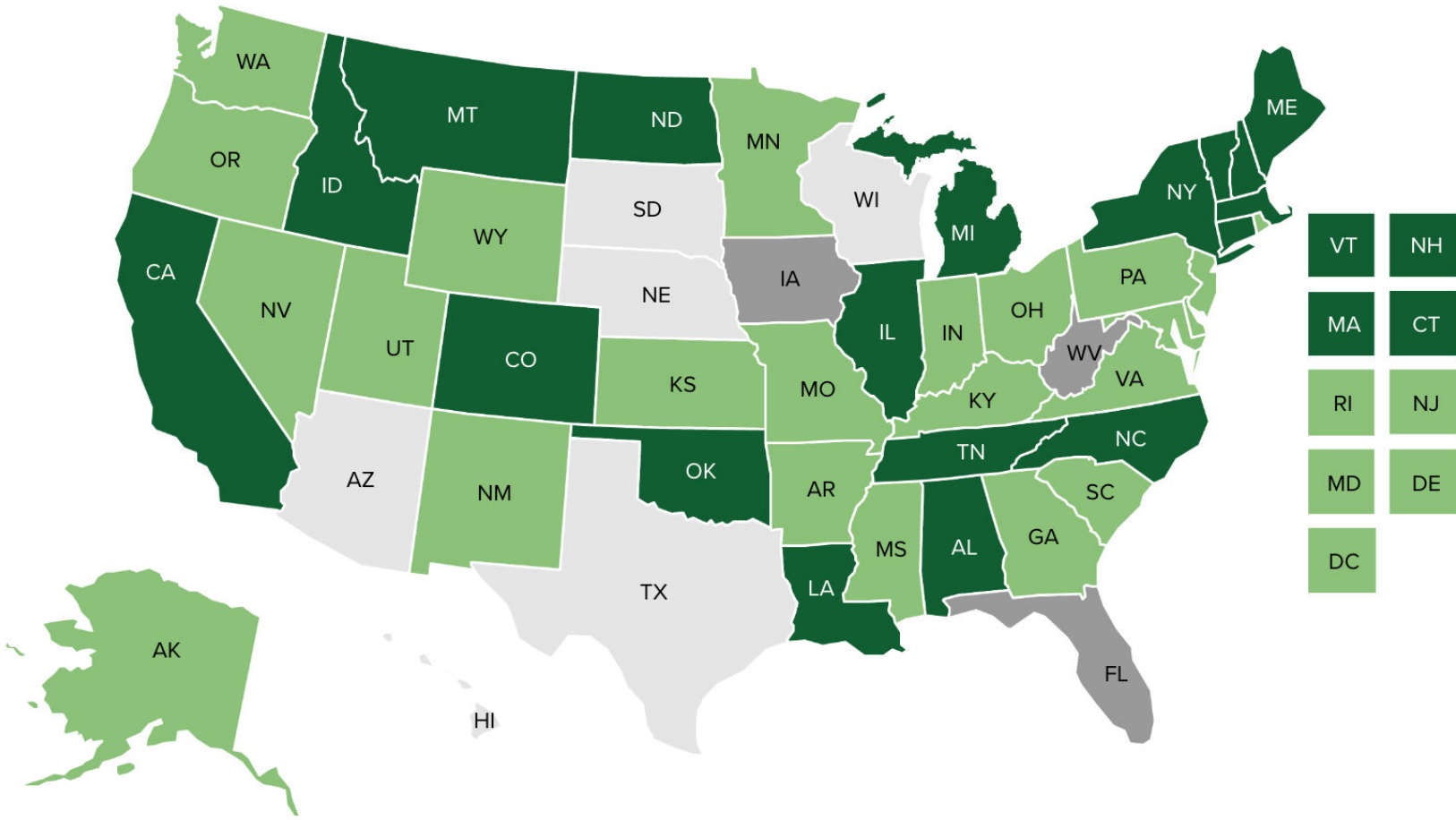


# Agenda

1. Background on PHE HCBS Flexibilities
2. Facilitated Discussion with Colorado, Louisiana, and Montana
3. Audience Question & Answer

# States Plans to Continue Medicaid HCBS Flexibilities Implemented During the PHE

● 0 flexibilities  
 ● 1-3 flexibilities  
 ● 4 or more flexibilities  
 ● No information available  
 No information available = State did not respond to survey and no information was available on state's website



# Continued Flexibilities in Featured States

Flexibility	Colorado	Montana	Louisiana
Allow payment to parents, spouses, and/or legally responsible individuals	✓	✓	✓
Increase payment rates for direct care workers	✓	✓	✓
Allow remote or virtual options to conduct evaluations, assessments, and person-centered service planning meetings	✓	✓	
Add/expand home delivered meals	✓		✓
Electronic signature	✓		
Add/expand assistive technology services	✓		✓
Add electronic delivery method for services	✓	✓	✓
Expand self-direction in other ways			
Increase services for family caregivers, in addition to payment (row 1)		✓	

# Featured State & Speaker: Colorado

- **Sarah Hoerle**, Waiver Administrator and Compliance Supervisor, Community Living Office, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
- Sustained flexibilities:
  - Payments to caregivers
  - Payment rates for direct care workers
  - Remote and virtual flexibilities
  - Home delivered meals
  - Electronic signatures
  - Assistive technology services

# Featured State & Speaker: Louisiana

- **Kirsten Clebert**, Policy Development Director, Office of Aging and Adult Services, **Louisiana** Department of Health
- Sustained flexibilities:
  - Payment to caregivers
  - Payment for direct care workers
  - Home delivered meals
  - Assistive technology services



# Featured State & Speaker: Montana

- **Barbara Smith**, Division Administrator, Senior and Long-Term Care Division, Medicaid and Health Services, **Montana** Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Sustained flexibilities:
  - Payment to caregivers
  - Payment rates for direct care workers
  - Remote and virtual flexibilities

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