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

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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

No information available = State did not respond to survey and no information was available on state's website
## Continued Flexibilities in Featured States

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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
Thank you!

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