



COF and Concurrent Enrollment

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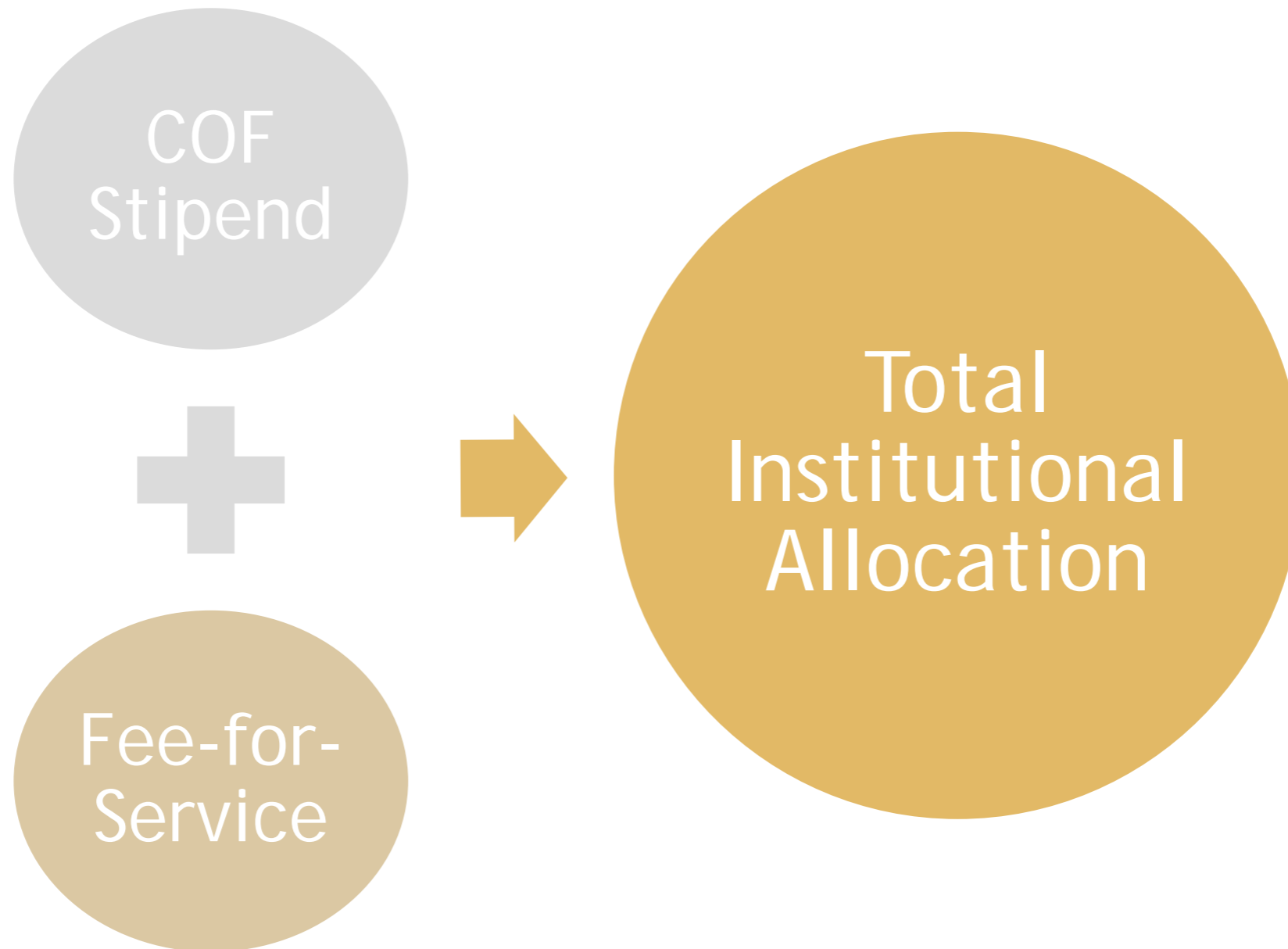


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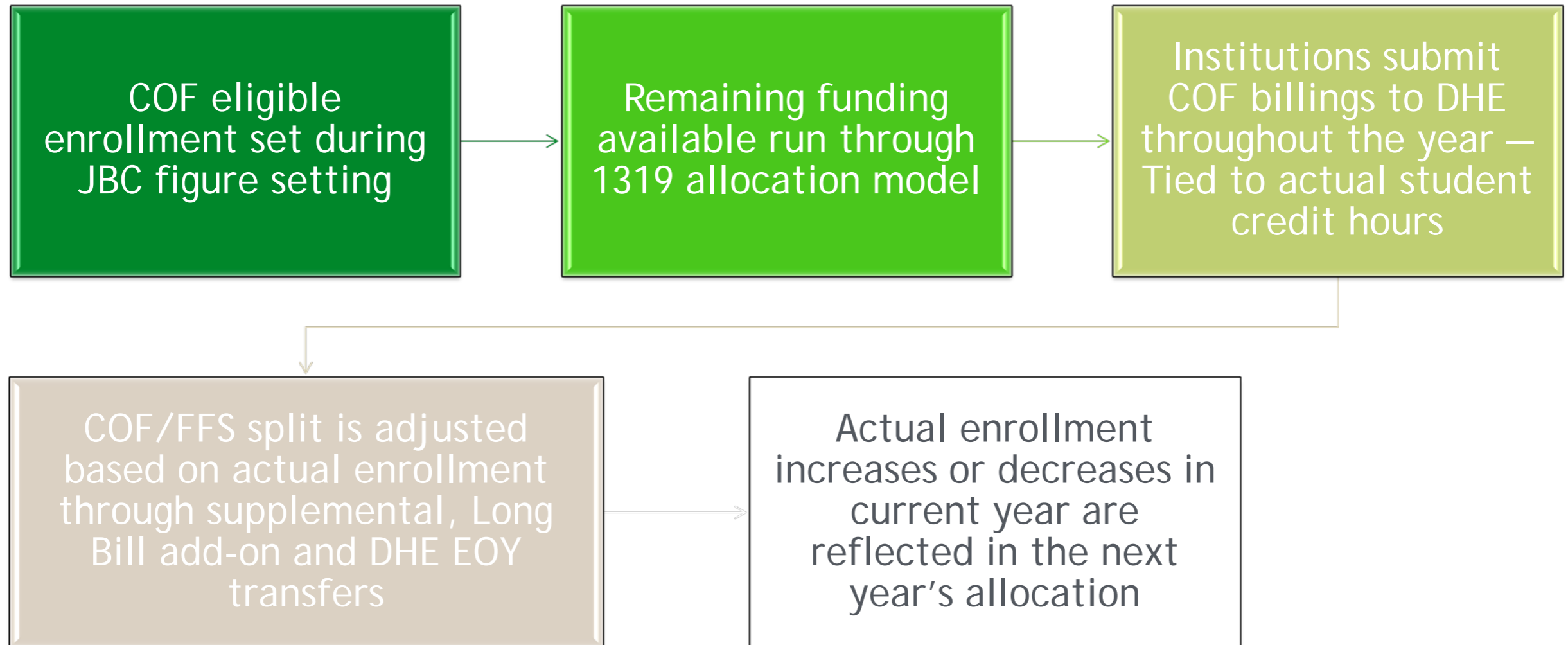
Legislative Intent of COF

- Encourage undergraduate enrollment for Coloradoans.
- Encourage undergraduate enrollment of low-income, male, and minority Colorado residents at state institutions of higher education.
- Increase efficiency of institution operations.
- Increase institutions' accountability for the quality of education to students and the public.

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COF Stipend Amount FY 14-15 and Requested FY 15-16

❖ Public Institutions

- \$75 per credit hour
- \$2,250 per FTE

❖ Private Institutions

- \$38 per credit hour
- \$1,140 per FTE

COF Limits

- ❖ 145 undergraduate credit hours and 30 post-baccalaureate hours
 - Concurrent enrollment hours count towards limit, except basic skill courses
- ❖ Institutional waiver: 12 months or 3 consecutive semesters
 - Must grant waivers for concurrent enrollment courses upon student request
- ❖ CCHE waiver: must apply for institutional waiver first

FAQs

- ❖ Does the COF stipend, once received by the college reduce the concurrent enrollment tuition owed by student, parent, school or whomever pays for the tuition? Is this COF stipend considered additional revenue for the college?
 - Tuition is reduced by the amount of the stipend, but it is part of state support
- ❖ Does the college that receives the COF decide how the funds will be spent or is it earmarked by the state for the individual student?
 - It is earmarked on behalf of the student, but once the payment is received, the institution can use it at their discretion.

FAQs

- ❖ Is immigration status taken into account for whom is eligible for a COF stipend under a concurrent enrollment program?
- If a student is in a high school concurrent enrollment program, a student can receive COF for courses they are taking through that concurrent enrollment program up to age 21 without regard to that student's immigration status.
- If the student is not in a concurrent enrollment program or are additionally taking college courses outside of their high school's concurrent enrollment program, a student can receive COF up to age 18 without regard to their immigration status.

Concurrent Enrollment vs. Extended Studies

❖ Current Policy:

- If an institution has a concurrent enrollment contract with a school district, the concurrent enrollment courses are COF eligible **whether offered on-campus or off-campus**
- No concurrent enrollment contract = COF eligible courses must be taken on campus or through online instruction (unless a program waiver is sought through CCHE)

❖ The COF and Extended Studies policies are currently under review by DHE staff



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