

PUBLIC NOTICE
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule:
South Carolina Waiver Specific Transition Plans For The Community Choices (CC)
and Mechanical Ventilator Dependent (Vent) Waivers

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice that the draft Waiver Specific Transition Plans, required per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule (42 CFR Part 430, 431, et al), are available for public review and comment. The South Carolina Waiver Specific Transition Plans will be submitted to CMS on or after January 28, 2015 and will be effective upon CMS approval.

The following is a summary of the document:

Overview of new CMS rule and Home and Community Based Requirements

- Final rule on Home and Community Based Services (HCBS rule) establishing certain requirements for home and community based services that are provided through Medicaid waivers, like the Community Choices (CC) and Mechanical Ventilator Dependent Waivers.
- CMS requires a “Transition Plan” for each waiver renewal or amendment

Assessment of system-wide regulations, policies, procedures, licensing standards, and other regulations

A list of regulations, policies, procedures, licensing standards and other regulations compiled that directly impact home and community-based settings will be compiled

- They will be read and reviewed to determine that the law, regulation, etc. is not a barrier to the settings standards outlined in the HCBS Rule
- For any regulations, policies, etc. that do not meet the HCBS settings requirements outlined in the CFR, changes will be pursued as appropriate.

Assessment of settings

- Identify all HCB settings, when applicable
- Send out self-assessment tool to providers for completion;
- SCDHHS reviews individual self-assessments and provides individualized responses to providers on each setting;
- SCDHHS conducts site visits of HCB settings after self-assessment;
- Action plans developed by providers and approved by SCDHHS to bring settings into compliance.

Communication and Outreach

- Methods of communication with the public are provided on general information about the HCBS Rule and Waiver Specific Transition Plans;
- Public notice and comment on the Community Choices and Ventilator Dependent Waivers Transition Plans and the Statewide Transition Plan provided (details below).

SCDHHS will conduct four regional public meetings and one live online webinar to discuss the Statewide Transition Plan for public input and during these meetings information on the Community Choices and Mechanical Ventilator Dependent Waiver Transition Plans will be shared. *These meetings will also include information on two Community Long Term Care (CLTC) waiver amendments. (For information on the CLTC waiver amendments, please go to www.scdhhs.gov.)* See schedule below for the public meetings:

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Date: [November 13, 2014](#)
Location: The Cottage at Francis Marion University, Hendrick Room
4822 E. Palmetto Street
Florence, SC

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Date: [November 18, 2014](#)
Location: Kroc Center
424 Westfield Street
Greenville, SC 29601

THIRD PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 PM
Date: [November 19, 2014](#)
Location: Online Webinar
Link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/941405902>

FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Date: [December 2, 2014](#)
Location: The College Center at the Complex for Economic Development of Trident
Technical College, Salons A-C
7000 Rivers Ave, Building 920
North Charleston, SC 29406

FIFTH PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Date: [December 4, 2014](#)
Location: Babcock Center
2725 Banny Jones Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29170

***Please refer to: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/Events> to confirm public meetings locations and dates.**

Draft copies of the Community Choices Waiver Transition Plan and the Mechanical Ventilator Dependent Waiver Transition Plan are available at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services website, at www.scdhhs.gov for public review. Additional information concerning these Transition Plans is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments on the Statewide Transition Plan may be sent to:
Community Long Term Care and Behavioral Health
ATTN: Belinda Adams
South Carolina Department Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Comments may also be submitted to **Comments@scdhhs.gov**.

Comments must be received by December 12, 2014.