

Aug. 21, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule: South Carolina Waiver Specific Transition Plan for the HIV/AIDS Waiver

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice that the Specific Transition Plan draft, required per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule (42 CFR Part 430, 431, et al), is available for public review and comment. The South Carolina Waiver Specific Transition Plan will be submitted to CMS on or before Sept. 30, 2015, and will be effective upon CMS approval.

The following is a summary of the document:

Communication and Outreach

Provides methods of communication with the public regarding general information on the HCBS Rule and Waiver Specific Transition Plan.

- Provides public notice and comment on the Waiver Specific Transition Plan.

Assessment of System-wide Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Licensing Standards and Other Regulations

- Compiled a catalogue of regulations, policies, procedures, licensing standards and other regulations that directly impact Home and Community-Based (HCB) settings.
- Read and reviewed the catalogue to determine which applicable laws, regulations, etc. are not a barrier to the settings standards outlined in the HCBS Rule.
- Pursued changes as appropriate for the regulations, policies, etc. that did not meet the HCBS settings requirements outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Assessment of Settings

Identification of all HCB settings.

- Identification of any HCB settings that might be subject to the heightened scrutiny process.
- Distributed self-assessment tool to providers for completion.
- SCDHHS will conduct site visits of HCB settings concurrently with self-assessments.

- SCDHHS will review individual self-assessments and site visit results and provide individualized responses to providers on each setting.
- Providers will develop action plans to be approved by SCDHHS to ensure compliance with the HCBS rule.

Communication

This waiver specific transition plan was discussed at SCDHHS' Medical Care Advisory Committee meeting on May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m. at 1801 Main Street, Columbia, S.C.

A copy of this notice and the South Carolina HCBS HIV/AIDS Transition Plan are available at the following locations:

1. **Electronic Access:** www.scdhhs.gov (under the "Public Notice" and "Waiver" sections)
2. **Hardcopies:** Community Long Term Care Regional Offices or the SCDHHS (Lobby)

Greenville
620 North Main Street, Suite 300
Greenville, S.C. 29601

Spartanburg
945 East Main Street, Suite 3
Spartanburg, S.C. 29302

Greenwood
617 South Main Street, Suite 301
Greenwood, S.C. 29648

Rock Hill
454 South Anderson, Suite 11
BTC Box 526
Rock Hill, S.C. 29730

Columbia
7499 Parklane Road, Suite 164
Columbia, S.C. 29223

Orangeburg
191 Regional Parkway, Bldg. A
Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

Aiken
6170 Woodside Executive Court
Aiken, S.C. 29803

Sumter
30 Westmark Ct.
Sumter, S.C. 29150

Florence
201 Dozier Boulevard
Florence, S.C. 29501

Conway
1201 Creel Street
Conway, S.C. 29526

Charleston
4130 Faber Place Drive, Suite 303
North Charleston, S.C. 29405

Ridgeland
10175 South Jacob Smart Blvd.
Ridgeland, S.C. 29936

Anderson
3215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ste. H
Anderson, S.C. 29625

SCDHHS (Documents are in Lobby)
1801 Main Street
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Additionally, information on this waiver specific transition plan will be shared during a public meeting. See details below:

Date: Monday, Sept. 14, 2015
Time: 10 a.m.-Noon
Location: Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina
8901 Farrow Road, Building 200
Columbia, S.C. 29203

Questions and comments must be sent to the following before Sept. 21, 2015:

Email: Comments@scdhhs.gov

Written: Community Long Term Care
ATTN: Belinda Adams
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Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, S.C. 29202-8206

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Division of Community Long Term Care, Jefferson Square Building, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, S.C., Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.