

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
October 1, 2020

Agenda

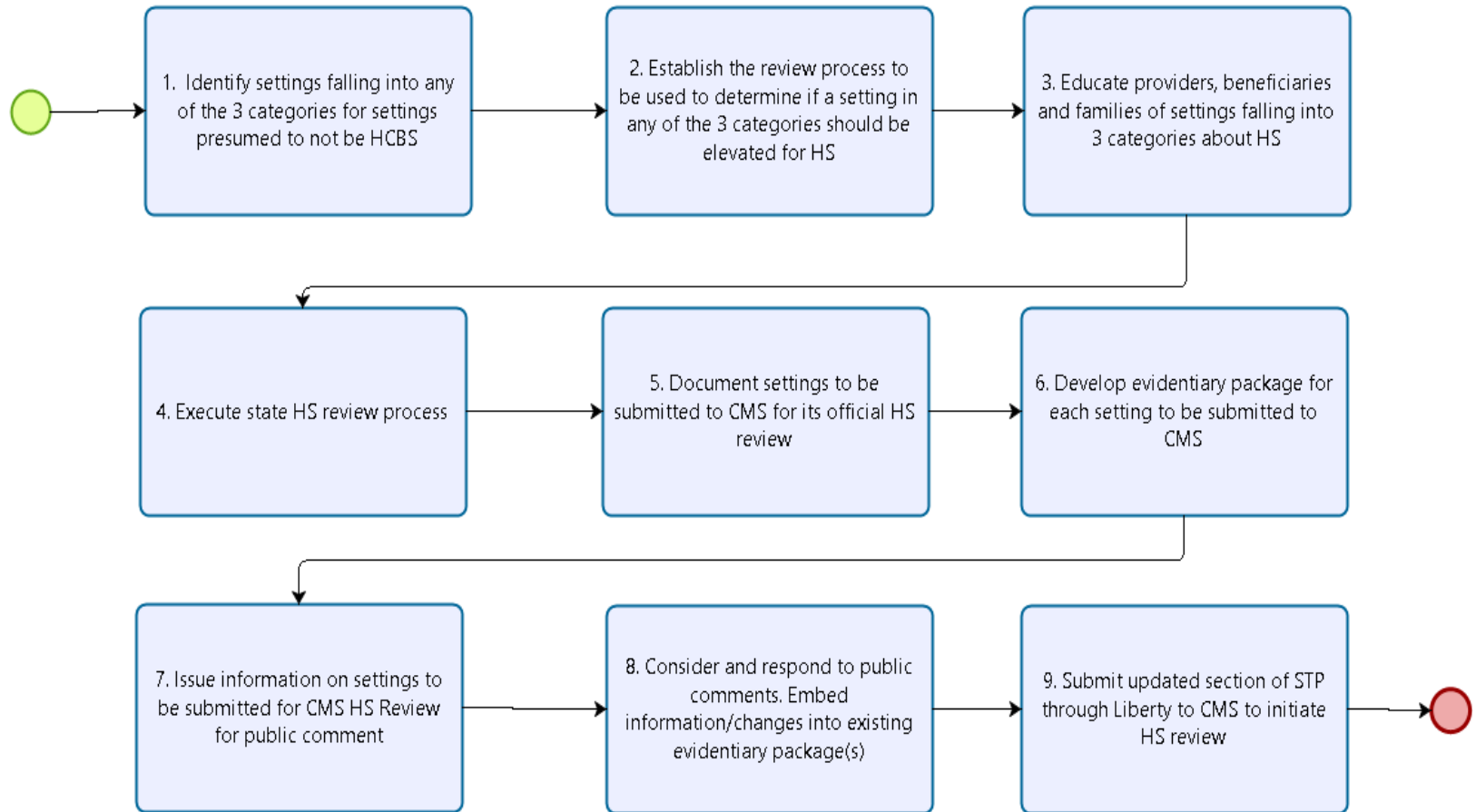
- Welcome and introductions
- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) COVID-19 resources
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings
- Conflict free case management
- Waiver renewals
- Palmetto Coordinated System of Care (PCSC)
- General updates

SCDHHS COVID-19 Resources

- SCDHHS has resources related to COVID-19 for its Healthy Connections Medicaid program and other SCDHHS-administered programs online at <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/> (1)
 - Appendix K updates are posted here: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/other-covid-19-resources/appendix-k-amendment>
 - Alert sent out Sept. 30, 2020, on Appendix K updates

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level HS Process



HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revised deadlines for the heightened scrutiny process:
 - Category 2 settings (next to or on the grounds of a public institution) submitted to CMS no later than March 31, 2021
 - Category 3 settings (has the effect of isolating individuals):
 - If the setting can be remediated by July 1, 2021, it's not submitted to CMS for heightened scrutiny review; must still be publicly listed
 - If the setting can be remediated, but can't be until after July 1, 2021, it must be submitted to CMS by Oct. 31, 2021

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Category 2 settings – timeline:
 - Providers submit evidence packages to DDSN
 - Oct. 30, 2020
 - Proposed public notice and comment period:
 - Dec. 7, 2020 – Jan. 22, 2021
 - Proposed submission date to CMS:
 - Feb. 24, 2021

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Category 3 settings – timeline:
 - Providers submit evidence packages to DDSN:
 - Nov. 30, 2020
 - Public notice and comment period:
 - Aug. 3, 2021 – Oct. 1, 2021
 - Submission date to CMS:
 - Oct. 29, 2021

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Information can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website (2)
 - State-level review process detailed in section 5 of Statewide Transition Plan (STP)
- Recorded presentation for waiver participants and families who live in and/or attend settings in this process available on the SCDHHS HCBS website:
 - On the “Members & Families” page (3)
 - On the “Presentations” page (4)

Conflict Free Case Management

- SCDHHS and SCDDSN continue work to prepare for the transition to conflict-free case management in the SCDDSN network of providers
- This includes:
 - Review of all policies, manuals, standards and directives for potential change
 - Identification of the number of waiver participants impacted by this requirement
 - Development of a communication plan on this effort for stakeholders

Waiver Renewals

- Waiver renewal applications are submitted for approval at least 90 calendar days in advance of the approved waiver's expiration date
- Community Choices waiver
 - Expires June 30, 2021
- HIV/AIDS waiver
 - Expires June 30, 2021
- Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities (ID/RD) waiver
 - Expires Dec. 31, 2021
- Medically Complex Children waiver
 - Expires Jan. 1, 2022
- Community Supports Waiver
 - Expires June 30, 2022
- Mechanical Ventilator Dependent waiver
 - Expires Nov. 30, 2022
- Head and Spinal Cord Injury waiver
 - Expires June 30, 2023

PCSC

- PCSC Waiver
 - Approved by CMS
 - Serves individuals age 21 and younger with significant behavioral health challenges or co-occurring conditions
 - Services include:
 - High fidelity wraparound
 - Respite
 - Individual directed goods and services
- For enrollment questions, contact the South Carolina Continuum of Care Regional office for the county in which an applicant lives (5). A list is available at www.coc.sc.gov

General Updates

- Information to share with the group?

Comments/Questions

Resources

- 1) SCDHHS Website (2020). South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid: COVID 19. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/>
- 2) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). HCB Settings Review. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcb-settings-review>
- 3) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Members and Families. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/members-families>
- 4) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Presentations. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/presentations>
- 5) South Carolina Continuum of Care (n.d.) Contact Us. Found at: <http://coc.sc.gov/contact.html>

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/>

