

# Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

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HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting  
Oct. 7, 2021

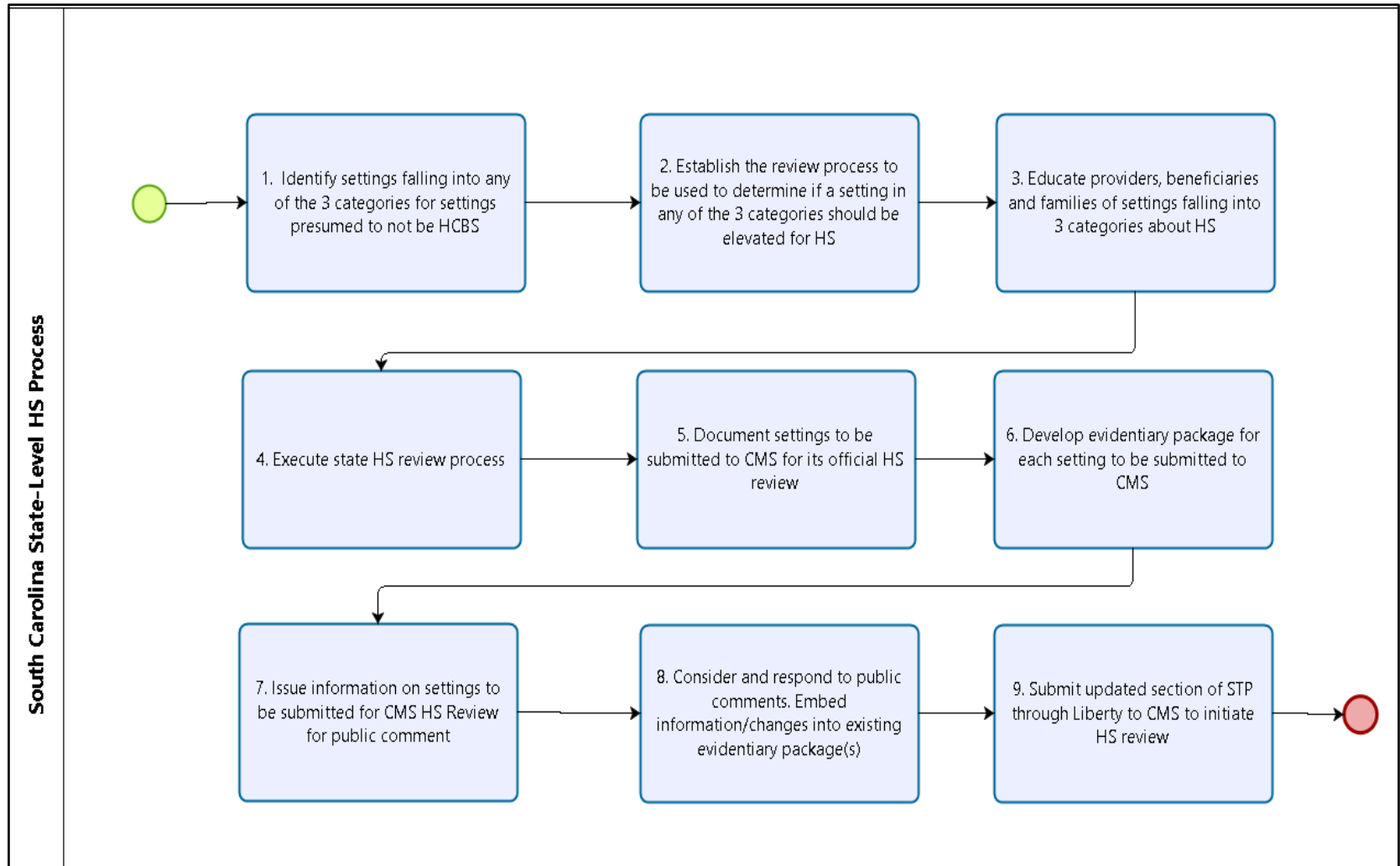
# Agenda

- 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
- 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>
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) resources on COVID-19 can be found online at <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/>
  - Testing information: <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location>
  - Vaccine information: <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>

# HCBS Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings



# Deadlines

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

# Category 3 Settings

- Category 3 settings
  - 107 total reviewed
  - Public notice and comment period:
    - Aug. 23 – Oct. 1, 2021
    - General webinar: Aug. 25, 2021
      - Slides and recording posted on SCDHHS HCBS website (3)
    - All waiver participants in these homes (or day programs) received a letter with specific meeting information
      - Six separate webinars held
  - Submission date to CMS:
    - Oct. 29, 2021

# General Updates

- Waiver renewals
- Public health emergency (PHE) update
- Leaders for Change and Inclusion webinar series (4)
  - Part 1: Leadership Skills
  - Oct. 29, 2021
  - 1 – 2:30 p.m.
  - Information and registration online (link in “Resources” section of this presentation [slide 9])
  - Sponsored by SC Developmental Disabilities Council
- 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) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2020). State Medicaid Director Letter #20-003. Found at: <https://www.medicare.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/smd20003.pdf>
- 3) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). HCBS Statewide Transition Plan. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcbs-statewide-transition-plan>
- 4) SC Developmental Disabilities Council (2021). Leaders for Change and Inclusion webinar series, Part 1. Found at: [https://bit.ly/leader\\_skills](https://bit.ly/leader_skills)

# For Additional Information

SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

