Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
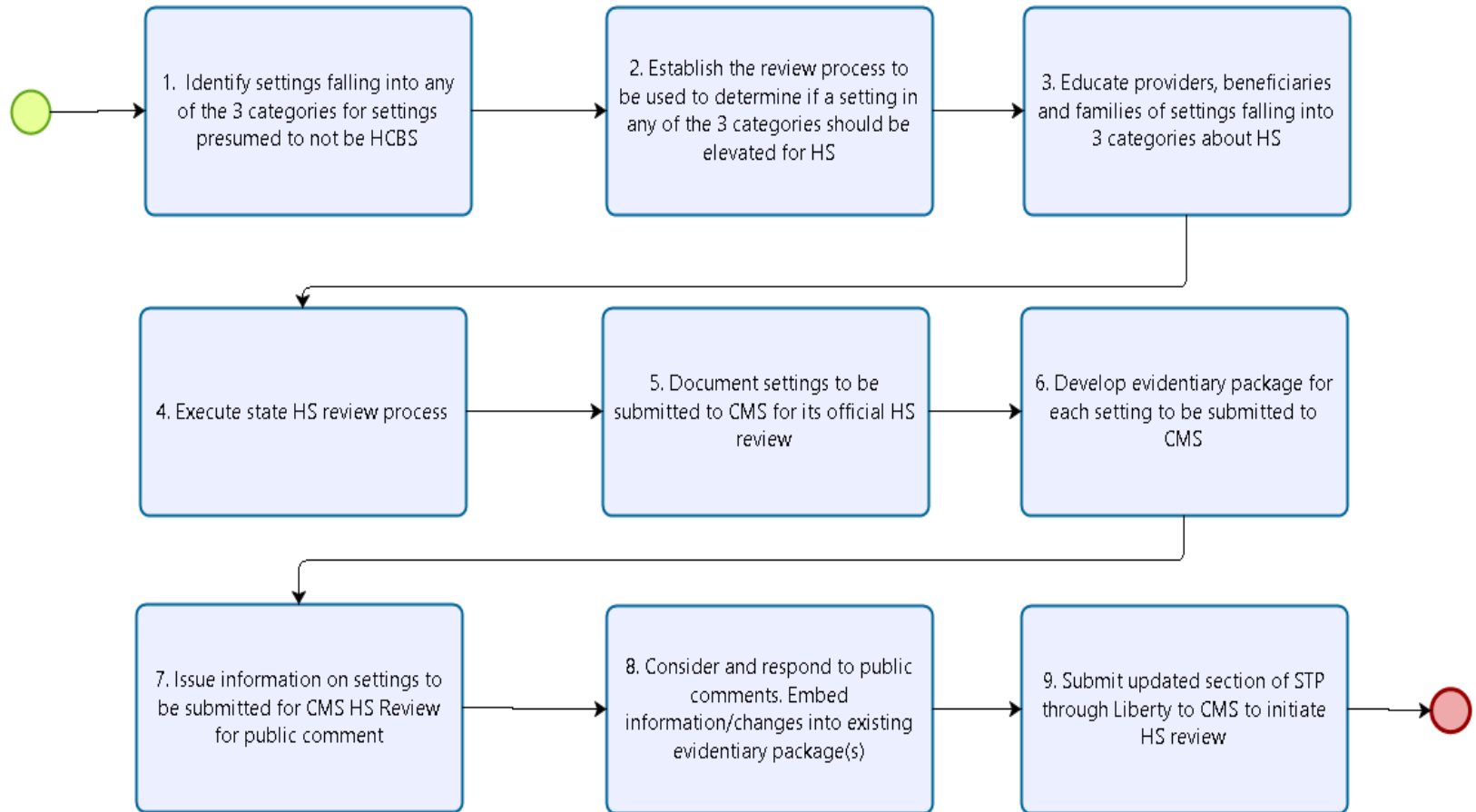
December 3, 2020

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

- 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

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level HS Process

1. Identify settings falling into any of the 3 categories for settings presumed to not be HCBS

2. Establish the review process to be used to determine if a setting in any of the 3 categories should be elevated for HS

3. Educate providers, beneficiaries and families of settings falling into 3 categories about HS

4. Execute state HS review process

5. Document settings to be submitted to CMS for its official HS review

6. Develop evidentiary package for each setting to be submitted to CMS

7. Issue information on settings to be submitted for CMS HS Review for public comment

8. Consider and respond to public comments. Embed information/changes into existing evidentiary package(s)

9. Submit updated section of STP through Liberty to CMS to initiate HS review

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; it 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

- Category 2 settings – timeline:
  - Providers submit evidence packages to DDSN
    - Oct. 30, 2020
  - Revised public notice and comment period:
    - Mid-February to mid-March, 2021
  - Revised submission date to CMS:
    - March 31, 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

- 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)

General Updates

- Staff Training: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities & Dementia
  - February 2021 – 4 online sessions
    - Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
  - Register online (5)

- SC Developmental Disabilities Council request for proposal to be released week of Dec. 7, 2020
  - State Plan Goal 2, Community Supports, Objective 3: Health
  - Go to the SCDDC website for more information (6)

- Community of Practice for Educators, Transition professionals (7)
  - Monthly Webinars
    - 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
  - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 13])
- SC APSE Community of Practice
  - Quarterly, online
  - Learn best practices in employment services
  - Visit the HireMeSC.org events page for more information (8)
- Information to share with the group?

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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 Developmental Disabilities Council and SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (2020). Staff Training Opportunity: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities & Dementia. Register at: https://dementiacarestrategies.regfox.com/idd-dementia-online-workshop

Resources (continued)

6) South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council (n.d.) Funding. Found at: http://scddc.sc.gov/funding.html

7) HireMeSC (2020). Community of Practice for Educators and Transition Professionals. Found at: https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/sceficop/index.html

8) HireMeSC (2020). Events. Found at: https://www.hiremesc.org/events

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

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