

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
Feb. 4, 2021

Agenda

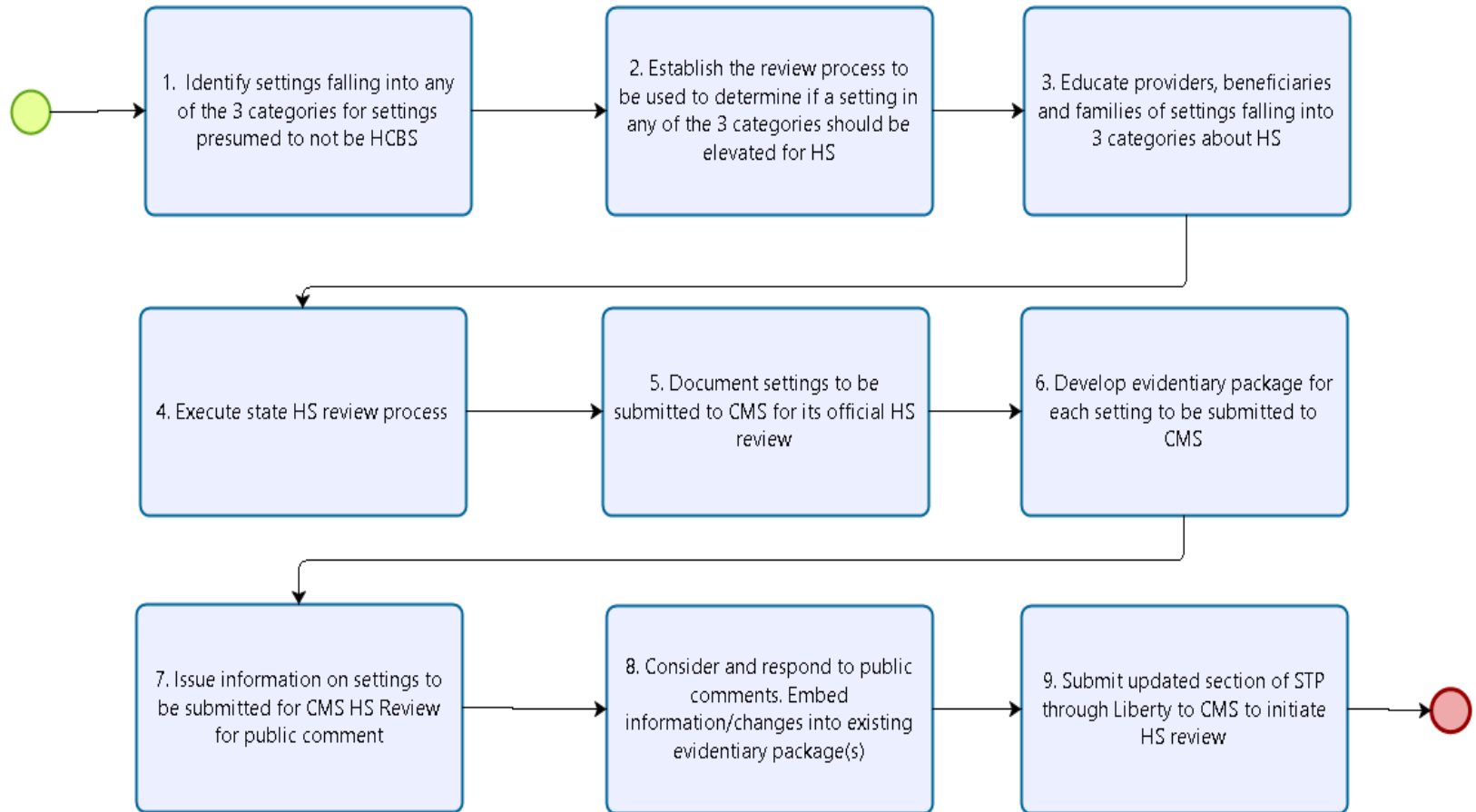
- Welcome and introductions
- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) COVID-19 resources
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings
- General updates

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>
 - New provider alert sent out Jan. 22, 2021:
 - Appendix K flexibilities extended to no later than six months after the expiration of the public health emergency, unless determined to end earlier

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level HS Process



HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings *(cont.)*

- 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) must be 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 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

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings *(cont.)*

- Category 2 settings – timeline:
 - Providers submit evidence packages to SCDDSN:
 - Oct. 30, 2020
 - Revised public notice and comment period:
 - Feb. 10 – March 12, 2021
 - General webinar: Feb. 17, 2021
 - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Information to register on the SCDHHS HCBS website (2)
 - Public notice will be released on Feb. 10, 2021
 - Revised submission date to CMS:
 - March 31, 2021

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings *(cont.)*

- Category 3 settings – timeline:
 - Providers submit evidence packages to SCDDSN:
 - 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 *(cont.)*

- Information can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website (3)
 - 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 (4)
 - On the Presentations page (5)

General Updates

- “Hearts of Glass” film and discussion (6)
 - Sponsored by IMPACT SC, SCDDC, Able SC, HireMeSC, Center for Disability Resources, Thrive Upstate
 - Stream the film Feb. 18-25, 2021
 - Panel discussion Feb. 23, 2021
 - 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
 - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 13])

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Community of Practice for Educators, Transition professionals (7)
 - Monthly Webinars
 - Next one: Feb.11, 2021
 - 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 14])
- Engaging the Untapped Workforce – Employer Training (8)
 - Feb. 11, 2021
 - 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 - One hour of SHRM and HRCI credit
 - Information and registration online (link in “Resources” section of this presentation [slide 14])
 - Sponsored by HireMeSC

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop (9)
 - Feb. 17, 2021
 - 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 14])
 - Sponsored by HireMeSC
- SC APSE Community of Practice (10)
 - Topic: Provider transformation
 - March 3, 2021
 - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 14])
- 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). HCBS Statewide Transition Plan. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcbs-statewide-transition-plan>
- 3) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). HCB Settings Review. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcb-settings-review>
- 4) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Members and Families. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/members-families>
- 5) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Presentations. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/presentations>
- 6) IMPACT SC, SCDDC, Able SC, HireMeSC, Thrive Upstate, Center for Disability Resources (2021). Hearts of Glass virtual event. Registration at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C8ri4z5HTLSeHQgtncCBZW

Resources (cont.)

- 7) HireMeSC (2020). Community of Practice for Educators and Transition Professionals. Found at:
<https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2020/9/23/hire-me-sc-cop-january>
- 8) HireMeSC (2020). Engaging the Untapped Workforce. Information and registration at:
<https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2020/12/7/engaging-january>
- 9) HireMeSC (2020) Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop. Information and registration at:
<https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/1/27/january-virtual-benefits-workshop>
- 10) HireMeSC (2020). Events. Registration found at:
<https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/03/03/sc-apse-community-of-practice-march>

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

