

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
March 4, 2021

Agenda

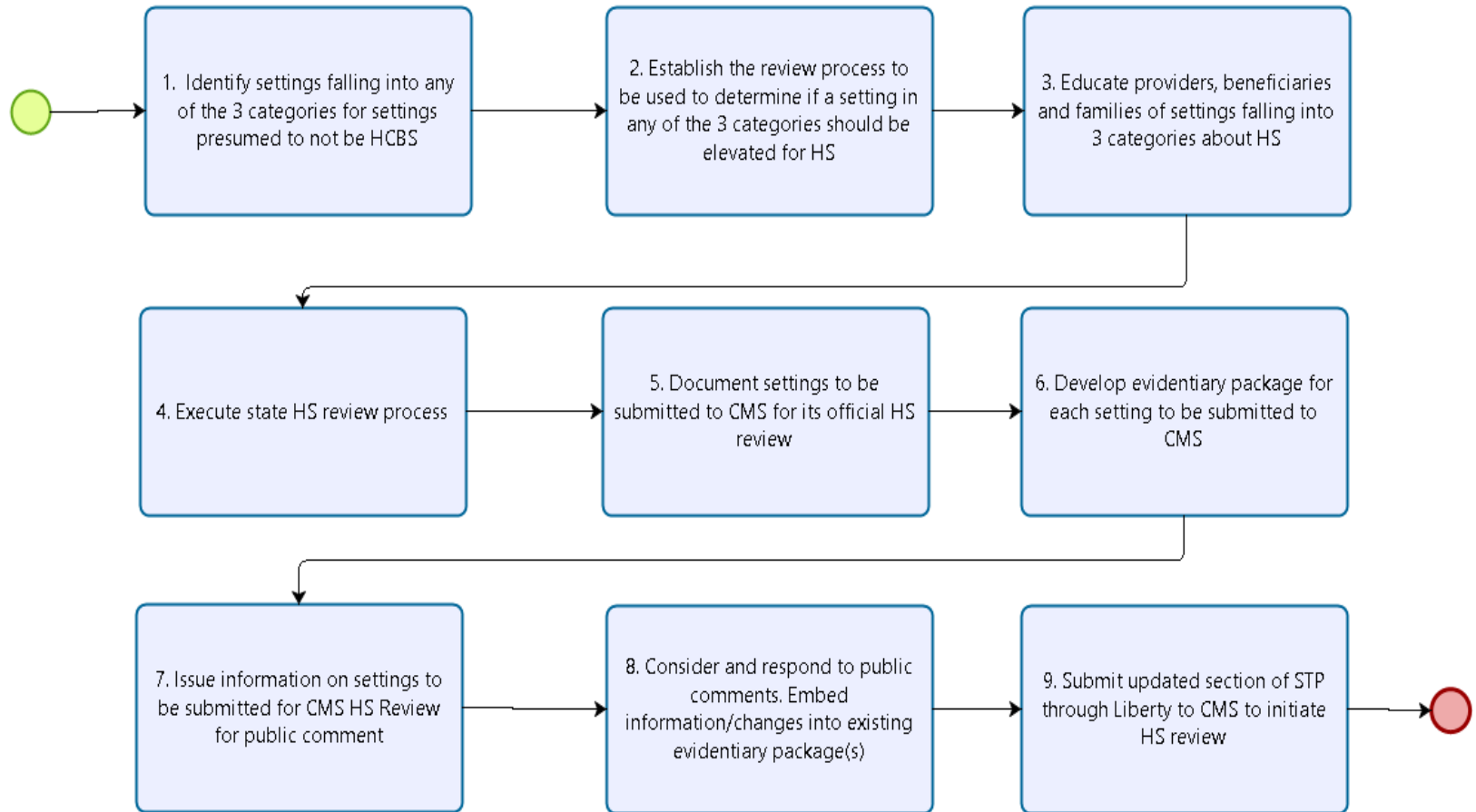
- Welcome and introductions
- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) COVID-19 resources
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings
- Conflict-free Case Management transition update
- 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>
 - 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:
 - Public comment period Feb. 10 – March 12, 2021
 - General webinar held Feb. 17, 2021
 - Setting-specific meetings scheduled
 - Last meeting is this afternoon
 - Submit public comments by 5 p.m., March 12, 2021
 - Online: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/webform/comments-questions>
 - Email: comments@scdhhs.gov
 - Mail:
 - Office of Compliance
 - ATTN: Kelly Eifert, Ph.D.
 - South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
 - P.O. Box 8206
 - Columbia, SC 29202-8206
 - 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
 - Review team evaluating evidence packages as they are completed
 - 11 reviews fully completed
 - 5 in progress
 - Anticipated public notice and comment period:
 - Aug. 3 – 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 (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

- Transition update:
 - Draft SCDHHS policy in process for inclusion in Community Long Term Care (CLTC) provider manual
 - Draft SCDDSN Directive in review process
 - Educational flier for families drafted
 - Sent to SCDDSN Case Management Workgroup members for review, comment
 - Once finalized, training for case managers will be provided

General Updates

- Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop (5)
 - March 10, 2021
 - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 15])
 - Sponsored by HireMeSC
- Community of Practice for Educators, Transition Professionals (6)
 - Monthly webinars
 - Next one: March 11, 2021
 - 10 – 11 a.m.
 - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Road to Inclusion webinar series (7)
 - 4 monthly sessions (March – June)
 - Begins March 18, 2021
 - 12:30 – 2 p.m.
 - Information and registration online (link in “Resources” section of this presentation [slide 16])
 - Sponsored by Able South Carolina, Center for Disability Resources, Disability Rights South Carolina, and SC Developmental Disabilities Council

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Engaging the Untapped Workforce – Employer Training (8)
 - March 23, 2021
 - 9:30 – 11 a.m.
 - One hour of Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) and Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI) credit
 - Information and registration online (link in “Resources” section of this presentation [slide 16])
 - Sponsored by HireMeSC

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Engaging Families in Employment (9)
 - Webinar for professionals/educators
 - March 24, 2021
 - 10 – 11 a.m.
 - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])
- 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). 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) HireMeSC (2020) Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop. Information and registration at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/3/10/march-workshop>

Resources (cont.)

- 6) HireMeSC (2020). Community of Practice for Educators and Transition Professionals. Found at:
<https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2020/9/23/hire-me-sc-cop-march>
- 7) SC Developmental Disabilities Council (2021). Road to Inclusion webinar series. Found at:
<http://www.scddc.state.sc.us/documents/RoadtoInclusionWebinarSeriesFlyer.pdf>
- 8) HireMeSC (2020). Engaging the Untapped Workforce. Information and registration at:
<https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/03/23/engaging-march>
- 9) HireMeSC (2020). Engaging Families in Employment. Registration found at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/3/24/prof-webinar>

For Additional Information

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

