

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting

March 7, 2019

Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions
- Statewide Transition Plan (STP) Update
- South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) HCBS Compliance Action Plans (CAPs): Updates
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) HCB Settings Small Group Discussion Calls
- Behavioral Health – Managed Care benefit update
- General Updates

Statewide Transition Plan (STP)

- Initial review by South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) leadership
- Revisions to include updates:
 - Systemic changes made
 - Settings assessment process and results
 - State-level heightened scrutiny (HS) processes
- Plan must include all elements defined by CMS (1)
- Prepping for CMS “Final Approval” consideration:
 - Goal is to post for public notice in May 2019
 - Public meetings, webinar
 - Variety of electronic and non-electronic distribution
 - Goal is to submit to CMS by July 1, 2019

SCDDSN HCBS CAPs: Updates

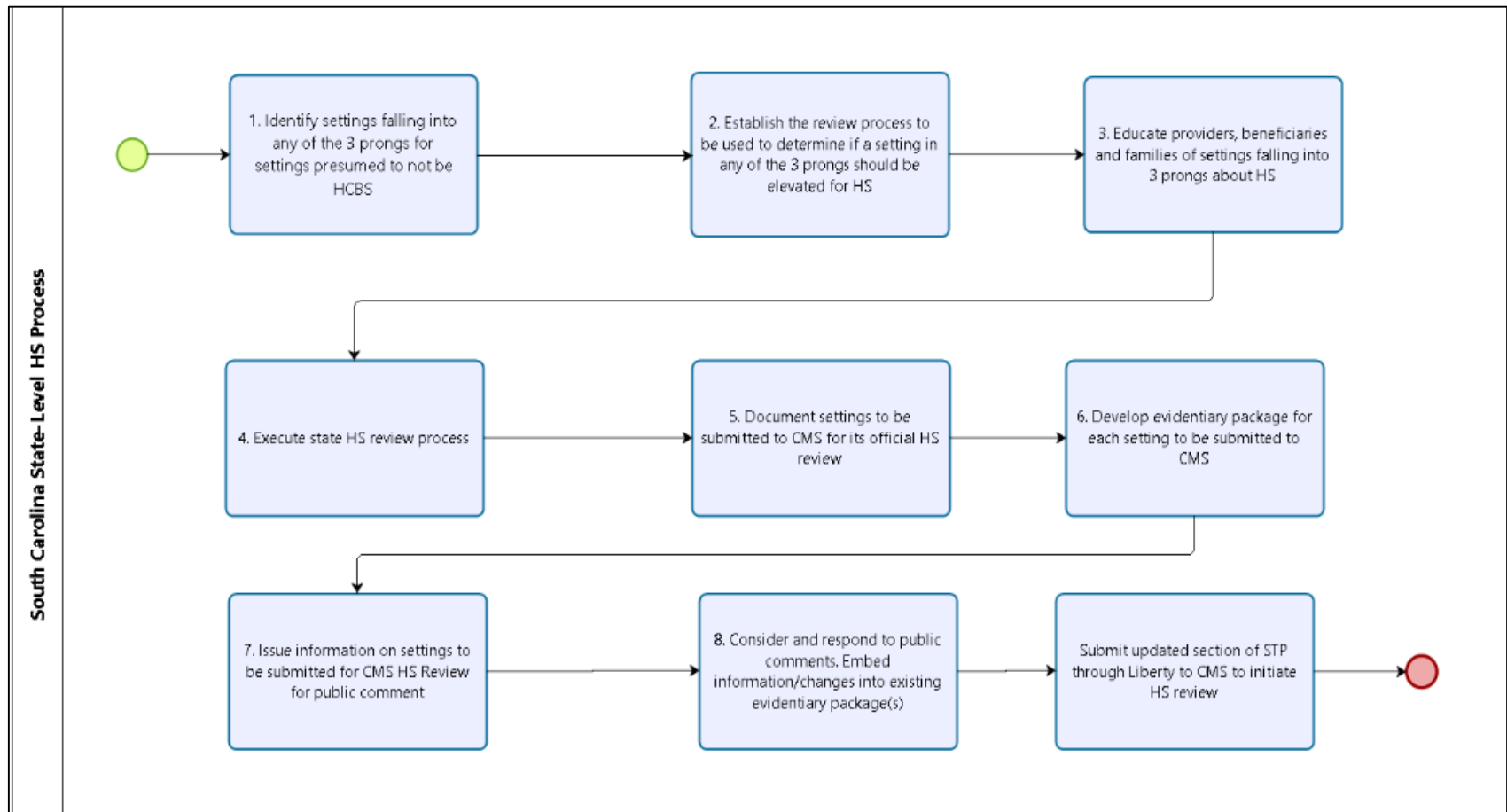
- Status of CAP reviews
 - Staff have reviewed 51 of 52 provider CAPs
 - 100% independently reviewed
 - 25% team staffed reviewed
 - Estimate reviews to be complete by March 11, 2019
 - Levels of technical assistance provided:
 - Category 1: Minimal assistance and revision needed
 - Category 2: Moderate revision needed OR information missing for required domains
 - Category 3: On-site technical assistance required to develop a plan to bring setting(s) into compliance with HCBS
- General findings: many providers have policies in place, need focus on initial and continued staff training to aid in compliance
 - Training at all levels of staff
 - Direct Support Professionals –key!

SCDDSN HCBS CAPs: Updates (Cont'd)

- Guidance on homes in pairs
 - Still complete the CAPs for all settings
 - DDSN will note any CAPs required for pairs
 - This does not include CRCFs; only CTH IIs
 - Still must be compliant on all HCBS requirements
- Guidance on HCBS residential requirements:
 - Roommate choice & dual occupancy
 - Role of residential provider and case manager

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level Heightened Scrutiny Process:



HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (Cont'd)

- SCDHHS and SCDDSN staff continue to meet to work on process
- General information can be found at the SCDHHS HCBS website (2)
- Drafting:
 - Site visit process for these settings
 - Review process for settings
- Plan for targeted stakeholder review of process before beginning

HCBS Compliance – 2022 and Beyond

- As a reminder, CMS is clear:
 - ALL HCB settings must be in compliance by 2022
 - There is NO remediation for any non-compliant setting after that date
 - If a setting is non-compliant, the State cannot claim federal financial participation (FFP) for any services provided in that setting
- ***Do the work now!***

CMS HCB Settings Small Group Discussion Calls

- CMS created small group calls for HCB settings questions
 - Small groups organized by states
 - SC is in small group 2 (with AL, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, PA, VA, DC, WV)
 - Share ideas, strategies related to STP implementation
 - Raise issues for CMS attention
 - Have a CMS and an Administration on Community Living (ACL) representative on the call
- Feb. 11 discussion topic: Expansion of non-disability specific residential settings
- Next call: Mar. 11

Behavioral Health Managed Care Benefit

- Addition to benefit on July 1, 2019
 - Will cover hospitalizations to acute psychiatric inpatient freestanding hospitals
- This addition means the entire behavioral health continuum of care is covered under the managed care benefit
 - Should result in even more robust coordination of behavioral health care

General Updates

- Upcoming Events:
 - SC Human Services Providers Association Annual Conference
 - March 11 – 13, 2019, Myrtle Beach
 - Empowering a Future Conference
 - March 15, 2019, Columbia
 - Mapping your Future Conference
 - March 16, 2019, Columbia
 - Advocacy Day for Access & Independence
 - April 4, 2019, Columbia
 - IMPACT Statewide Conference
 - May 23, 2019, Columbia
- Other updates?

Comments/Questions

Resources

- 1) CMS (July 2018). The Process for Final Approval of the Statewide Transition Plan. Found at:
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/downloads/training/process-final-appvl-stp.pdf>
- 2) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2018). HCB Settings Review. Found at:
<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcb-settings-review>

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

