

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

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HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting  
April 1, 2021

# Agenda

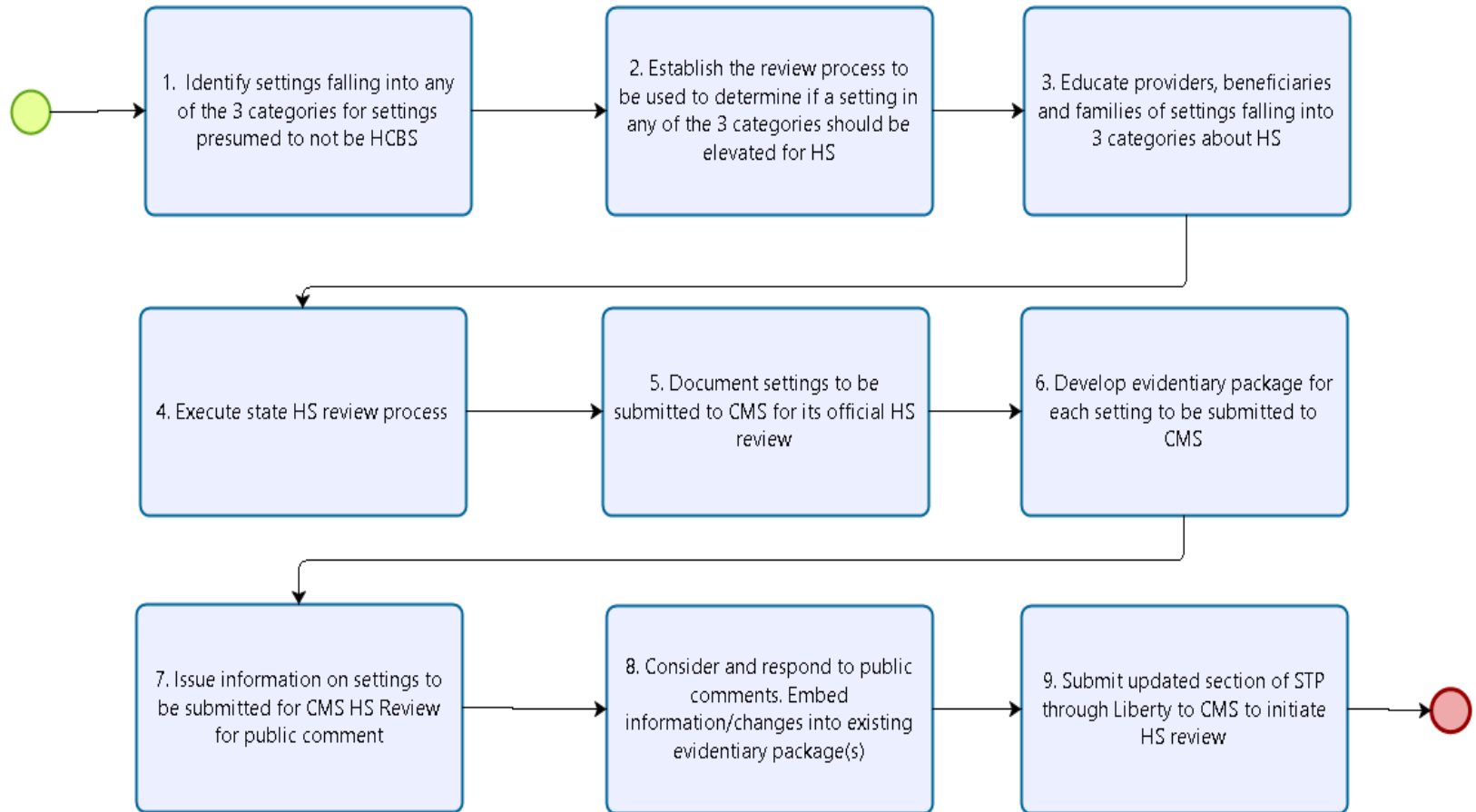
- Welcome and introductions
- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) COVID-19 resources
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings
- Conflict-free Case Management transition update
- 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>
- 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>

# HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level HS Process



# 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 (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

# Category 2 Settings

- Category 2 settings – timeline:
  - Seven total settings reviewed
  - Public comment period Feb. 10 – March 12, 2021
    - General webinar held Feb. 17, 2021
    - Setting-specific meetings held between Feb. 24 – March 4, 2021
  - Public comments were due March 12, 2021
  - Submission date to CMS:
    - March 31, 2021

# Category 3 Settings

- Category 3 settings
  - 112 total to review
- Timeline:
  - Review team evaluating evidence packages as they are completed
    - 11 reviews fully completed
    - 7 in progress
  - Anticipated public notice and comment period:
    - Aug. 3 – Oct. 1, 2021
  - Submission date to CMS:
    - Oct. 29, 2021

# HCBS Settings Quality Review Process Resources

- Information can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website (3)
  - State-level review process detailed in section 5 of the 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)



# Conflict-free Case Management

- Transition update:
  - Draft SCDHHS policy in process for inclusion in Community Long Term Care (CLTC) provider manual
  - Draft SCDDSN Directive was out for public comment through March 29, 2021
    - See information on the SCDDSN website (6)
  - Educational flyer for families drafted
    - Sent to SCDDSN Case Management Workgroup members for review, comment
    - Sent to Family Connection of SC for review, comment
    - Once finalized, training for case managers will be provided

# General Updates

- Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop (7)
  - April 13, 2021
  - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])
  - Sponsored by HireMeSC
- Defining a Good Life (Family Engagement Webinar 1) (8)
  - Webinar for family members of young adults with disabilities
  - April 14, 2021
  - 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
  - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])

# General Updates *(cont.)*

- Community of Practice for Educators, Transition Professionals (9)
  - Monthly webinars
  - Next one: April 15, 2021
  - 10 – 11 a.m.
  - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])
- Advocacy Day for Access & Independence (10)
  - Online livestream event
  - April 21, 2021
  - 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])

# General Updates *(cont.)*

- Exploring Career Options (Family Engagement Webinar 2) (11)
  - Webinar for family members of young adults with disabilities
  - April 21, 2021
  - 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
  - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])
- Preparing to Work (Family Engagement Webinar 3) (12)
  - Webinar for family members of young adults with disabilities
  - April 28, 2021
  - 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
  - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 16])

# General Updates *(cont.)*

- 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.medicaid.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) 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) SCDDSN (2021) *Conflict free case management*. Directives Under Review. Found at: <https://ddsn.sc.gov/providers/ddsn-directives-standards-and-manuals/directives-under-review>

# Resources (cont.)

- 7) HireMeSC (2020) Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop. Information and registration at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/4/13/april-workshop>
- 8) HireMeSC (2021). Defining a Good Life (Family Engagement Webinar 1). Found at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/4/14/defining-a-good-life-work-is-possible-family-engagement-webinar>
- 9) HireMeSC (2020). Community of Practice for Educators and Transition Professionals. Found at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2020/9/23/hire-me-sc-cop-april>
- 10) Able South Carolina (2021). Advocacy Day for Access & Independence. Found at: <https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/advocacyday2021/index.html>
- 11) HireMeSC (2021). Exploring Career Options (Family Engagement Webinar 2). Found at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/4/21/exploring-career-options>
- 12) HireMeSC (2021). Preparing to Work(Family Engagement Webinar 3). Found at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/4/28/preparing-to-work>



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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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