

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
April 4, 2019

Agenda

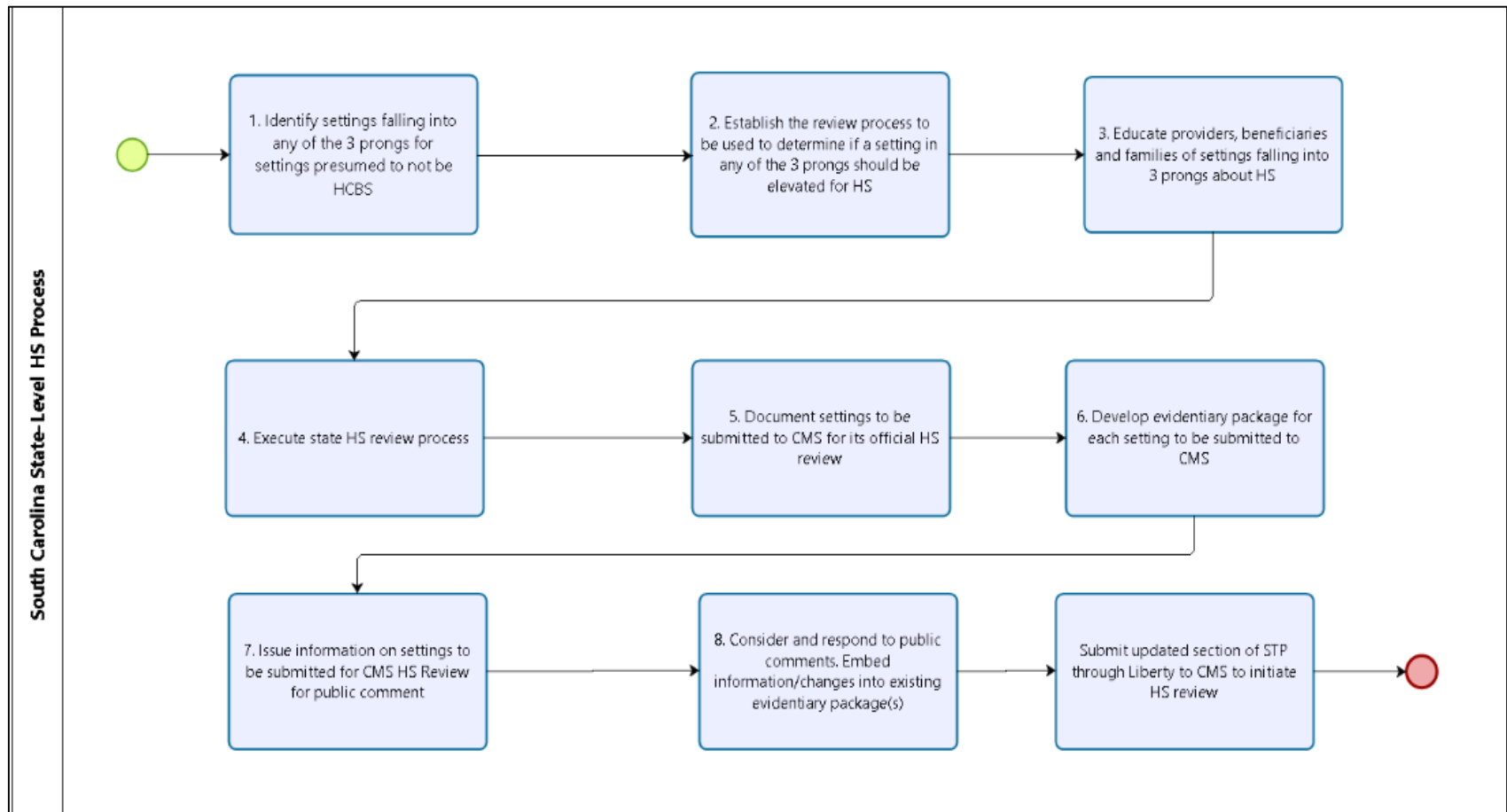
- Welcome, Introductions
- Statewide Transition Plan (STP) Update
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) HCB Settings Small Group Discussion Calls
- 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 on Aug. 12, 2019
 - Public meetings, webinar
 - Variety of electronic and non-electronic distribution
 - Goal is to submit to CMS by Sept. 27, 2019

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level Heightened Scrutiny Process:



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

- General information can be found at the SCDHHS HCBS website (2)
- New guidance issued by CMS March 22 (3)
- SCDHHS and SCDDSN staff have draft process in place
 - New guidance will necessitate revisions
 - Targeted stakeholder feedback will be delayed
- Process will be revised based on feedback
 - Will send out final version to stakeholders
 - Will be included in Statewide Transition Plan (STP) for public notice

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
- Next call: April 8
 - Opportunity to ask CMS and ACL about new guidance issued
 - On future agenda: “What are other states doing to explore/facilitate home ownership for waiver participants?”

General Updates

- Upcoming Events:
 - [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>
- 3) CMS (March 22, 2019). Updated Frequently Asked Questions on Heightened Scrutiny Provisions. Found at:
<https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd19001.pdf>

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

