

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
May 6, 2021

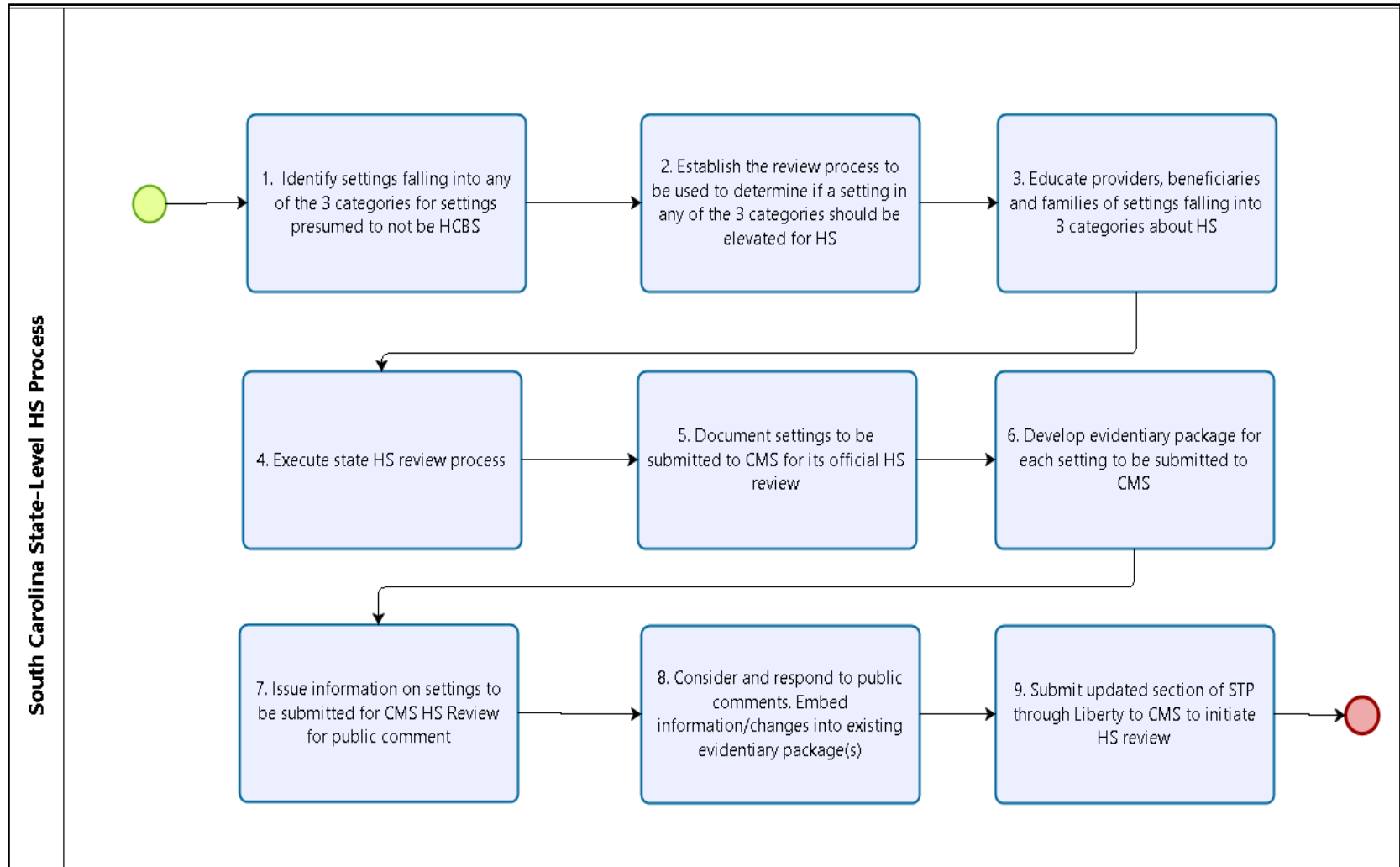
Agenda

- 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



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 3 Settings

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

HCB 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 the Community Long Term Care (CLTC) provider manual
 - SCDDSN Directive signed April 15, 2021
 - See information on the SCDDSN website (6)
 - Educational flyer for families drafted
 - Sent to SCDDSN Case Management Workgroup members for review, comment
 - Family Connection of SC reviewed, commented
 - Once finalized, training for case managers will be provided

General Updates

- Upcoming public comment:
 - The following waivers are up for renewal and will be released for public comment soon:
 - Medically Complex Children (MCC) waiver
 - Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) waiver
 - Public notice will be posted on www.scdhhs.gov
 - On the SCDHHS website, go to “Communications” on the top menu
 - From the drop-down menu that appears, click on “Public Notice”
 - All information and dates will be included there

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Road to Inclusion webinar series (7)
 - Session 3: Creating a Culture of Inclusive Transition Practices
 - May 6, 2021
 - 12:30 – 2 p.m.
 - Information and registration online (link in “Resources” section of this presentation [slide 14])
 - Sponsored by Able South Carolina, Center for Disability Resources, Disability Rights South Carolina and SC Developmental Disabilities Council

General Updates *(cont.)*

- Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop (8)
 - May 26, 2021
 - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 14])
 - Sponsored by HireMeSC
- 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>

Resources (cont.)

- 6) SCDDSN (2021) *Conflict free case management*. Current Directives. Found at: <https://ddsn.sc.gov/providers/ddsn-directives-standards-and-manuals/current-directives>
- 7) SC Developmental Disabilities Council (2021). Road to Inclusion webinar series, Session 3. Found at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nMkDTArxTUaZ4ZBUdhFdXg
- 8) HireMeSC (2020). Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop. Information and registration at: <https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/may2021workshop/index.html>

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

