

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

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HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting  
July 1, 2021

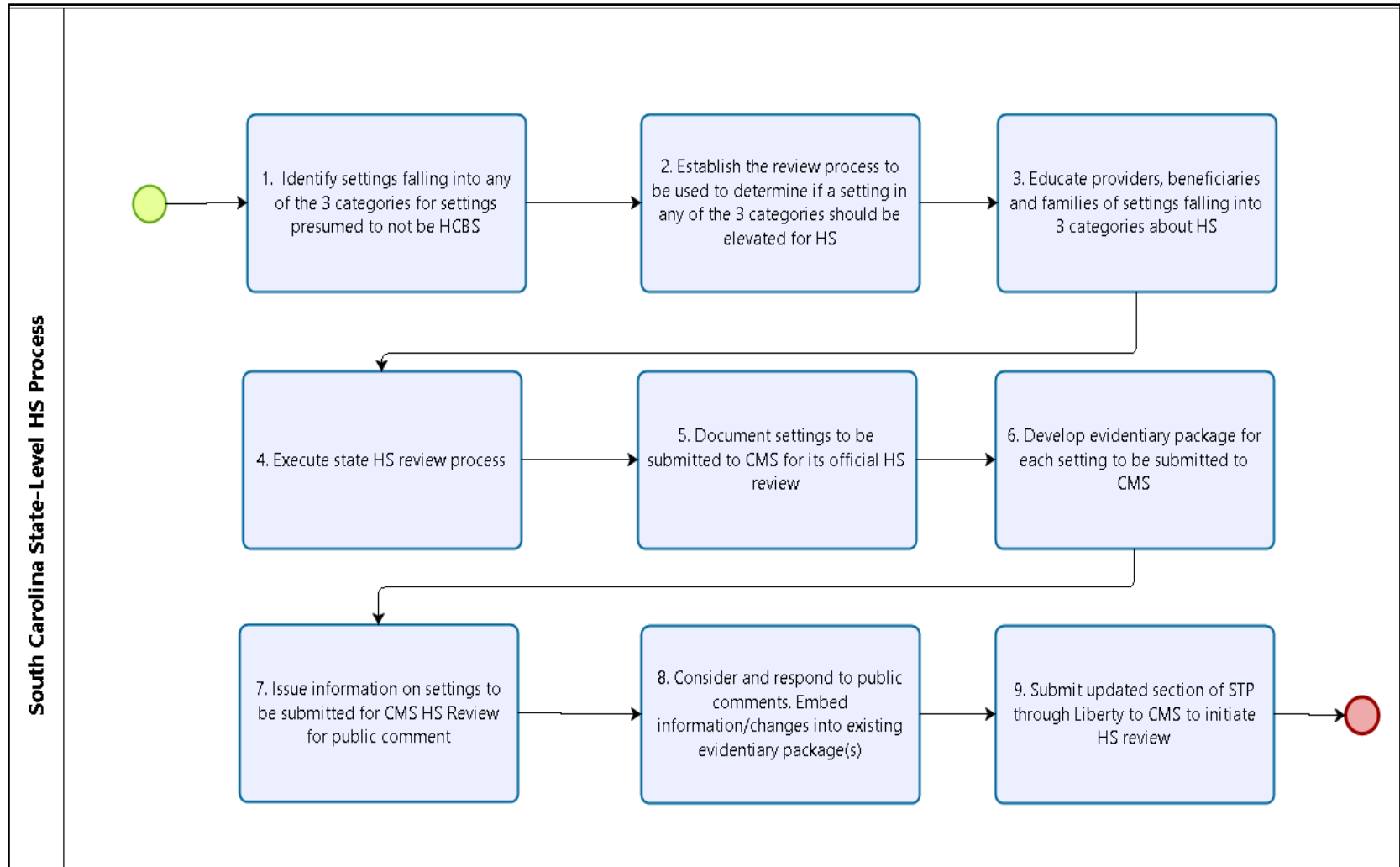
# Agenda

- 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 (CFCM) 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
  - 109 total to review
    - One previously identified setting is vacant
- Timeline:
  - Review team evaluating evidence packages as they are completed
    - 64 reviews fully completed
    - 45 pending
  - Anticipated public notice and comment period:
    - Aug. 11 – Oct. 1, 2021
    - Webinar dates will be shared once finalized
    - All waiver participants in these homes (or day programs) will receive a letter with specific meeting information
  - 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)

# CFCM

- Transition update:
  - SCDHHS sent out an alert on the CFCM policy update
    - [See information on the SCDHHS website \(6\)](#)
  - SCDDSN working with providers to determine number of waiver participants currently in conflict
    - [Providers will develop a plan to transition participants out of conflict](#)
    - [See information on the SCDDSN website \(7\)](#)



# 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](http://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.)*

- Hire Me SC – Virtual Benefits Workshop (8)
  - July 21, 2021
  - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Information and registration online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 13])
- 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.medicare.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) SCDHHS (2021). SCDHHS Policy Updates for July 1, 2021. Found at: <https://www.scdhhs.gov/press-release/scdhhs-policy-updates-july-1-2021>
- 7) SCDDSN (2021) *Conflict free case management*. Current Directives. Found at: <https://ddsn.sc.gov/providers/ddsn-directives-standards-and-manuals/current-directives>
- 8) Hire Me SC (2020). Virtual Benefits Workshop. Information and registration at: <https://www.hiremesc.org/events/2021/7/21/july-workshop>

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

