

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
September 3, 2020

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) COVID-19 resources
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) updates: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implementation extension
- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings
- General updates

SCDHHS COVID-19 Resources

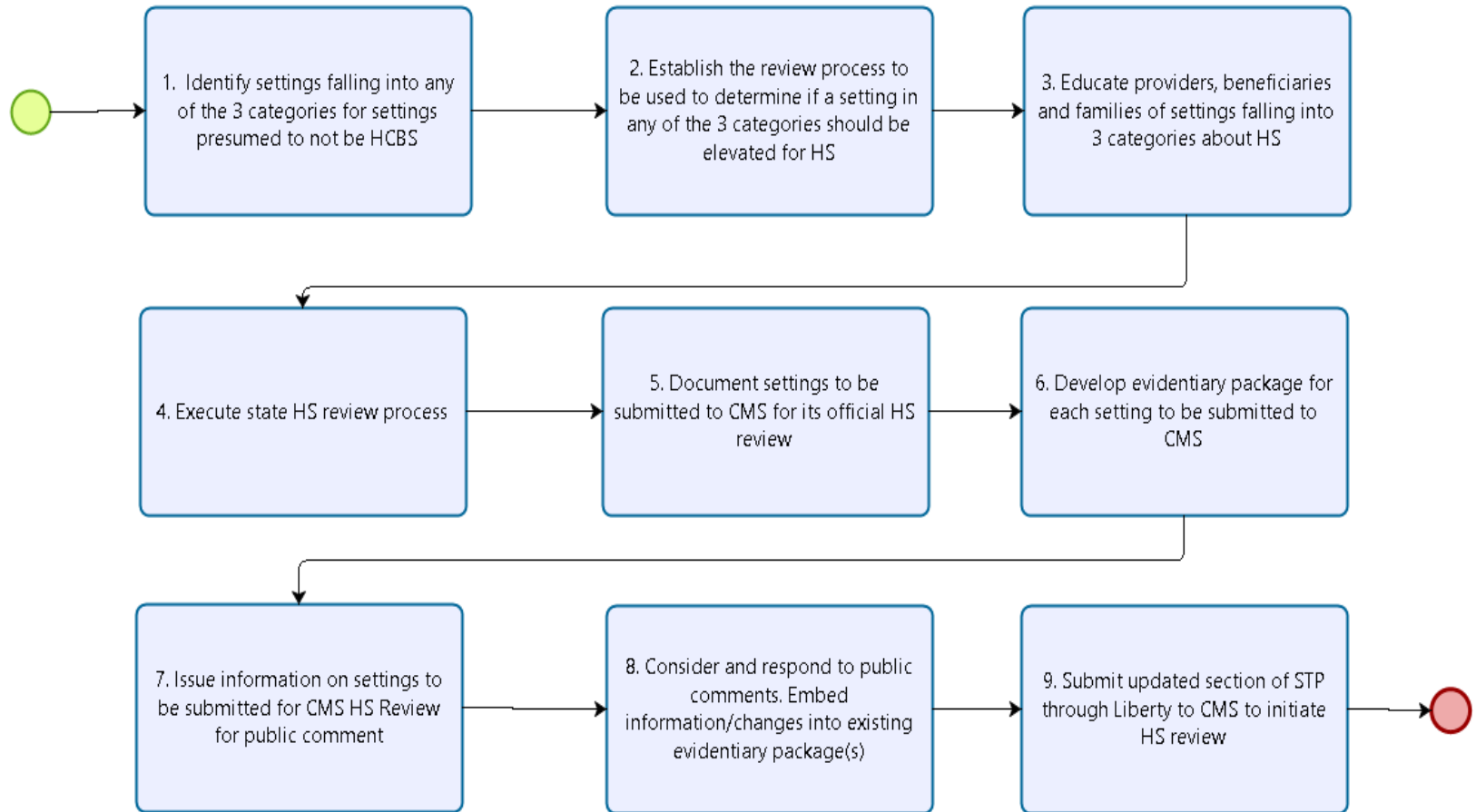
- SCDHHS has resources related to COVID-19 for its Healthy Connections Medicaid program and other SCDHHS-administered programs online at <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/> (1)
 - Appendix K updates are posted here: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/other-covid-19-resources/appendix-k-amendment>

HCBS updates: CMS implementation extension

- CMS issued a state Medicaid director's letter on July 14, 2020 (2)
 - Deadline for full HCBS compliance extended to March 17, 2023
 - Included extended timelines for the heightened scrutiny process
 - Letter is posted on the SCDHHS HCBS website
 - Under "Members & Families" (3)
 - Under "Providers" (4)

HCBS Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings

South Carolina State-Level HS Process



HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- CMS revised deadlines for the heightened scrutiny process:
 - Category 2 settings (next to or on the grounds of a public institution) 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; must still be publicly listed
 - If the setting can be remediated, but can't be until after July 1, 2021, it must be submitted to CMS by Oct. 31, 2021

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- SCDHHS and SCDDSN will communicate with providers once new state timelines are established:
 - For submitting information to SCDDSN
 - For observations to resume
 - For heightened scrutiny decisions
 - For public notice meetings
- Providers can continue to submit information on their settings in this process
- Review team is currently reviewing submitted evidence packages

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Information can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website (5)
 - State-level review process detailed in section 5 of 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 (6)
 - On the “Presentations” page (7)

General Updates

- Community of Practice for Educators, Transition professionals (8)
 - Monthly Webinars; flyer sent with agenda
 - Tuesday, Sept. 23
 - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 13])
- Virtual Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop (9)
 - Sept. 24, 2020
 - 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 13])
 - Flyer sent with agenda

General Updates

- Virtual Employer Training (10)
 - Sept. 29, 2020
 - 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 - SHRM and HRCI – 1 hour credit
 - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 13])
 - Flyer sent with agenda
- 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). *SMDL: Home & Community Based Settings Regulation – Implementation timeline extension and revised frequently asked questions*. Home & Community Based Settings Requirements Compliance Toolkit. Found at <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid/home-community-based-services/guidance/home-community-based-settings-requirements-compliance-toolkit/index.html>
- 3) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Members & Families. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/members-families>
- 4) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Providers. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/providers-0>

Resources (continued)

- 5) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). HCB Settings Review. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcb-settings-review>
- 6) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Members and Families. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/members-families>
- 7) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2020). Presentations. Found at: <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/presentations>
- 8) HireMeSC (2020). Community of Practice for Educators and Transition Professionals. Found at: <https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/sceficop/index.html>
- 9) HireMeSC (2020). Disability Benefits & Employment workshop. Found at: <https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/septembervirtualworkshop/index.html>
- 10) HireMeSC (2020). Engaging the Untapped workforce Employer training. Found at: https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/929_employertraining/index.html

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

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

