

Monthly Update

HCBS Rule Workgroup

Update Items October 6, 2016		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Statewide Transition Plan (STP) is near the end of its public notice and comment period (Aug. 17 – Oct. 7). You can find that version here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcbs-statewide-transition-plan ○ We held our last public meeting on Tuesday, 10/4 in Columbia. • CMS did review our STP during our public notice period to help us move closer to initial approval a little bit faster. We had a call with them on 9/19/16. They told us where they needed us to provide more details in our systemic assessment portion of the STP, and we are working on that. • Of note – CMS stated that we must apply 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)(vi)(A-F) to non-residential settings (despite the fact that those regulations specifically state “In a provider-owned or controlled residential setting, (emphasis added) in addition to the qualities at §441.301(c)(4)(i) through (v), the following additional conditions must be met” (and A-F are listed after. Please see the regulatory language attached with this email). We are fighting this, but please be aware we may not win this one. We wanted to share this with you now so that you would be aware.
2.	Waiver Renewals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDHHS continues to work on responses to CMS’ additional RAI (request for additional information) questions on the ID/RD waiver.
3.	Person-centered Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on a webpage (for SCDHHS) on person-centered thinking, planning information and resources • Group will be reviewing other states’ examples of person-centered planning “forms” and resources (as recommended by the HCBS Technical Assistance Team) to provide recommendations to program areas • Group is also reviewing DDSN Assessment and Support Plan forms to provide feedback to DDSN on suggested changes. The group plans to provide similar feedback to CLTC on its Assessment and Service plan documents
5.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCBS Person-centered planning Technical Assistance (TA) recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCDHHS did receive recommendations from its TA team on areas to work on regarding person-centered planning requirements. The recommendations include:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy review (and utilizing the Person-centered planning workgroup to review revised policy changes) ○ Training revision and review, including establishing initial and ongoing training ○ Updating IT systems where needed, to include removal of medical/system jargon and use plain language instead ○ Recommended that in the assessment process, be sure to address both individual preferences and personal priorities and health, safety and functional needs ○ Update service plans to remove medical/system jargon and use plain language instead ○ For quality assurance, integrate defined person-centered indicators into quality assurance/monitoring protocol ○ These recommendations will be reviewed by SCDHHS staff and SCDDSN staff to determine a plan of action to move forward. ● HCBS website: Please note that we continue to update it and create content that is more specific by provider type and for waiver participants and families. Don't forget about the quick beneficiary survey and a family survey that is available on there to fill out. It is anonymous and results come directly to Cassidy. Please share! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/ ○ Beneficiary survey: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/beneficiary-survey ○ Family survey: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/family-survey ● HCB Settings Quality Review site visits for are Adult Day Health Care settings are currently on pause during the STP public notice and comment period. ● SCDHHS is scheduling visits with DSN boards/providers to meet with staff to offer informal technical assistance for HCBS Compliance – but currently on pause during the STP public notice and comment period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providers: If you have Parent Groups that meet, Cassidy would love to come and talk to them about HCBS and answer questions they have. Please contact her so she can schedule a visit! ○ Providers: If you have Self-Advocate groups that meet, Cassidy would love to come and talk to them about HCBS and answer questions they have. Please let her know who to contact so she can schedule a visit!
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cassidy: Cassidy.evans@scdhhs.gov● Behavioral Health Division at SCDHHS is carving in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) into the Managed Care Benefit effective January 1, 2017.● <i>Inclusion Works: An Employer Summit on Hiring Individuals with Disabilities in South Carolina</i> will be held on October 12, 2016. See attached flyer for details!
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Next Meeting: November 3, 2016
10 a.m.
SCDHHS J11 Conference Room
1801 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29202

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

- December 1, 2016 (*email update!*)