

Monthly Update

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

Update Items November 5, 2020		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	COVID 19 Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has resources in response to COVID-19 for its Healthy Connections Medicaid program and other SCDHHS-administered programs online at https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/. For the latest public health information, resources and guidance, please visit the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) COVID-19 website at scdhec.gov/covid19.
2.	Appendix K updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix K updates are posted here: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/other-covid-19-resources/appendix-k-amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCDHHS Alert sent out Sept. 30, 2020, on Appendix K updates
3.	Home and Community Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS issued new deadlines for states to submit settings for CMS' Heightened Scrutiny review in the July 14, 2020, letter and revised frequently asked questions. New state deadlines and timeframes for the HCB Quality Review Process are below: Category 2 settings timeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers submit evidence packages to DDSN no later than Oct. 30, 2020 Revised public notice and comment period (changed from Oct. HCBS meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 6, 2021 – Feb. 17, 2021 Revised submission date to CMS (changed from Oct. HCBS meeting): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 24, 2021 Category 3 settings timeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers submit evidence packages to DDSN no later than Nov. 30, 2020 Public notice and comment period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug. 3, 2021 – Oct. 1, 2021 Submission date to CMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 29, 2021 Information on the process can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for SCDDSN providers with settings under review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the links under the "Suggested Documentation" header half-way down the page (linked above).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A recorded presentation for waiver participants and families who live in and/or attend settings in this process is available on the SCDHHS HCBS website:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ On the “Members & Families” page (scroll down to information under “NEW”).▪ On the “Presentations” page (scroll down to last presentation listed: HCBS Rule – Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process).
4.	HCBS Compliance – 2023 and beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● As a reminder, CMS is clear:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ALL HCB settings must be in compliance by 2023.○ 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 HCB services provided in that setting.● Do the work now.

Next Meeting/Email Update:

Dec. 3, 2020

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

Jan. 7, 2021

Feb. 4, 2021

March 4, 2021

April 1, 2021

May 6, 2021

June 3, 2021

July 1, 2021

Aug. 5, 2021

Sept. 2, 2021

Oct. 7, 2021

Nov. 4, 2021

Dec. 2, 2021