

Monthly Update

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

Update Items April 2, 2020		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	COVID 19 Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (DHEC) COVID-19 website at scdhec.gov/covid19.
2.	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"> • Also called “state-level review” • Information can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information for SCDDSN providers with settings under review ○ See the links under the “Suggested Documentation” header half-way down the page (linked above). • Recorded presentation for waiver participants and families who live in and/or attend settings in this process 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) • Conversations about required public notice for this process have begun with affected providers. • Reviews of completed evidence packages have begun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please note that due to protocols in place in response to COVID 19, there will likely be delays in residential and day observations. These observations are key documentation evidence and may be delayed to protect the health and safety of the residents/attendees in the settings and staff performing the observations. ○ Providers that submit evidence packages to SCDDSN will have their packages reviewed and feedback provided. ○ SCDHHS has a call scheduled with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Management (CMS) to discuss how this current health crisis will impact our current deadlines for heightened scrutiny submissions. ○ SCDDSN and SCDHHS will communicate with providers regarding any deadline changes.

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3.	HCBS Compliance – 2022 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 2022 ○ 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
4.	Conflict-free Case Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDHHS and SCDDSN will be meeting to review the transition framework to conflict-free case management and identify tasks to be performed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Framework approved by CMS ○ Presented to the SCDDSN Commission on Feb. 20, 2020 • As a reminder, this is a requirement of the HCBS regulation, found at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(1)(vi)
5.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMPACT Conference: Independence: My Life, My Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 28, 2020 ○ Columbia, SC ○ 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ○ Information here

Next Meeting/Email Update:

May 7, 2020

Future Meetings/Email Updates:

June 4, 2020

July 2, 2020 (*email update*)

August 6, 2020 (*email update*)

September 3, 2020

October 1, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020