

# Monthly Update

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

Update Items May 2, 2019		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Statewide Transition Plan (STP) update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions continue to be made to the STP to have it ready for public notice and comment in August. This includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updates on policy changes</li> <li>○ Revised Milestone dates</li> <li>○ Settings assessment processes and results</li> <li>○ State-level heightened scrutiny processes</li> <li>○ Plans for monitoring of remediation and ongoing compliance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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"> <li>• South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) participated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Small Group monthly call on new <a href="#">CMS heightened scrutiny guidance</a>. One takeaway from the call:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ States must put together an evidentiary package for settings submitted to CMS for heightened scrutiny (not new). CMS and Administration on Community Living (ACL) will look at the state's template for that package and offer feedback before official submission (if state requests).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SCDHHS and SCDDSN had a call with CMS on new heightened scrutiny guidance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarified public notice requirements for all steps in this part of the process</li> <li>○ Will need to update some of the Milestones submitted to CMS (and in the STP) as a result of new guidance</li> <li>○ ACL shared that at least one other state (Idaho) is doing training for families on HCBS, what that looks like for them as a family with their person living at home with them. Will be presenting with ACL soon – could be a good resource to help our families understand the goal of HCBS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Finalizing draft HCB Settings Quality Review process (revised due to new guidance)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will share with stakeholders in June for feedback</li> <li>○ Process will be revised based on feedback</li> <li>○ Will be included in STP for public notice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">IMPACT Statewide Conference</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 23, 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Employment First Webinar series</a> (FREE!)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Advancing Equal Employment Opportunities and Creating Inclusive Workplaces</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Offered by Southeast ADA Center, Georgia Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE), and Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE)</li><li>○ 8 part series April 2019- February 2020,</li><li>○ All 2:30-4 p.m.</li><li>○ <a href="#">Register here</a></li><li>○ Education credits available for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP)</li><li>▪ Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC)</li></ul></li></ul>
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**Next Meeting:** June 6, 2019

**Future Meetings/Email Updates:**

July 3, 2019 (*email update only*)

August 1, 2019

September 5, 2019

October 3, 2019

November 7, 2019

December 5, 2019