

# Monthly Update

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

### Update Items June 3, 2021

No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	COVID-19 Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 <a href="https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/">https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/</a>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appendix K information for Medicaid Waiver programs is posted here: <a href="https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/other-covid-19-resources/appendix-k-amendment">https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/other-covid-19-resources/appendix-k-amendment</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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 <a href="https://scdhec.gov/covid19">scdhec.gov/covid19</a>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Testing information: <a href="https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location">https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location</a></li> <li>○ Vaccine information: <a href="https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine">https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine</a></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>• Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new deadlines for states to submit settings for CMS’ Heightened Scrutiny review in <a href="#">the July 14, 2020, letter and revised frequently asked questions</a>.</li> <li>• <u>Category 3 settings information, updates and timeline:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 112 total settings to review                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 22 completed</li> <li>▪ 14 pending</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Anticipated public notice and comment period:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aug. 11 – Oct. 1, 2021</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Submission date to CMS:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Oct. 29, 2021</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Information on the process can be found on the <a href="#">SCDHHS HCBS website</a>, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State-level review process detailed in Section 5 of the Statewide Transition Plan</li> <li>○ 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"> <li>▪ On the “<a href="#">Members &amp; Families</a>” page (scroll down to information under “NEW”)</li> <li>▪ On the “<a href="#">Presentations</a>” page (scroll down to last presentation listed: HCBS Rule – Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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3.	Conflict-free Case Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft SCDHHS policy in process for inclusion in the Community Long Term Care (CLTC) provider manual.</li><li>• SCDDSN Directive signed April 15, 2021.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Effective June 1, 2021.</li><li>○ See information on the <a href="#">SCDDSN website</a>.</li><li>○ SCDDSN provided training to case managers.</li></ul></li><li>• Educational flyer for families finalized.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ SCDDSN provided training to case managers.</li></ul></li></ul>
4.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upcoming public comment:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Medically Complex Children (MCC) waiver renewal</li><li>○ Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities (ID/RD) waiver renewal</li><li>○ Public notice will be posted on <a href="http://www.scdhhs.gov">www.scdhhs.gov</a>.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ On the SCDHHS website, go to “Communications” on the top menu.</li><li>▪ From the drop-down menu that appears, click on “Public Notice.”</li><li>▪ All information and dates will be included there.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• South Carolina Association of People Supporting Employment First (SC APSE) Community of Practice – Employment Services webinar<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ June 9, 2021</li><li>○ 10 – 11 a.m.</li><li>○ <a href="#">Register online</a>.</li></ul></li></ul>

### **Next Meeting/Email Update:**

July 1, 2021

### **Future Meetings/Email Updates:**

Aug. 5, 2021  
Sept. 2, 2021  
Oct. 7, 2021  
Nov. 4, 2021  
Dec. 2, 2021