

# Monthly Update

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

Update Items July 2, 2020		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	COVID 19 Response	<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>.</li> <li>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 <a href="https://scdhec.gov/covid19">scdhec.gov/covid19</a>.</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>Information can be found on the <a href="#">SCDHHS HCBS website</a>, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information for SCDDSN providers with settings under review                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See the links under the “Suggested Documentation” header half-way down the page (linked above)</li> </ul> </li> <li>A 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"> <li>On the “<a href="#">Members &amp; Families</a>” page (scroll down to information under “<b>NEW</b>”)</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> <li>The previous time frames for reviewing settings, conducting public notice and submitting settings to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for heightened scrutiny review will be adjusted due to COVID-19. Those dates have not been established yet.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers can continue to submit information/evidence packages for settings in this process.</li> <li>Information can be sent to Janet Priest at SCDDSN.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	HCBS Compliance – 2022 and beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a reminder, CMS is clear:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL HCB settings <b>must</b> be in compliance by 2022.</li> <li>There is <b>no remediation</b> for any non-compliant setting after that date.</li> <li>If a setting is non-compliant, the state <b>cannot claim</b> federal financial participation (FFP) for any HCB services provided in that setting.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Do the work now.</b></li> </ul>
4.	General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HireMeSC – Service Providers Employment First Webinar               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, July 30, 2020</li> <li>2 p.m. – 3 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">Online event; information here</a></li><li>● South Carolina Youth Leadership Forum<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ July 26-31, 2020</li><li>○ <a href="#">Online event; information here</a></li></ul></li><li>● Equip Summer Series (Able South Carolina)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ August 3 – 7, 2020</li><li>○ 10 a.m.to 4 p.m. daily</li><li>○ <a href="#">More event information online here</a></li></ul></li><li>● Protection &amp; Advocacy (P &amp; A) South Carolina<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The yearly survey to help P &amp; A develop goals to guide their work is available. P &amp; A needs input from the community. Please respond by August 31, 2020. If you need assistance completing the survey or need a paper copy, please contact P &amp; A at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ info@pandasc.org</li><li>○ Toll free: 1-866-275-7273</li><li>○ TTY: 1-866-232-4525</li><li>○ 3710 Landmark Dr., Suite 208</li><li>○ Columbia, SC 29204</li></ul></li><li>○ <a href="#">Electronic Survey is here</a></li></ul></li><li>● Shared by the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A Self-Advocate’s Guide to COVID-19</li><li>○ <a href="#">Information and resources here</a></li><li>○ Please share</li></ul></li><li>● South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs offers free webinars every week:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Website: <a href="https://consumer.sc.gov/">https://consumer.sc.gov/</a></li><li>○ Sign up for information on the home page – scroll down to “Sign up for Email Updates”</li></ul></li></ul>
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**Next Meeting/Email Update:**

August 6, 2020 (*email update*)

**Future Meetings/Email Updates:**

September 3, 2020

October 1, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020