Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule Workgroup

HCBS Rule Workgroup Monthly Meeting
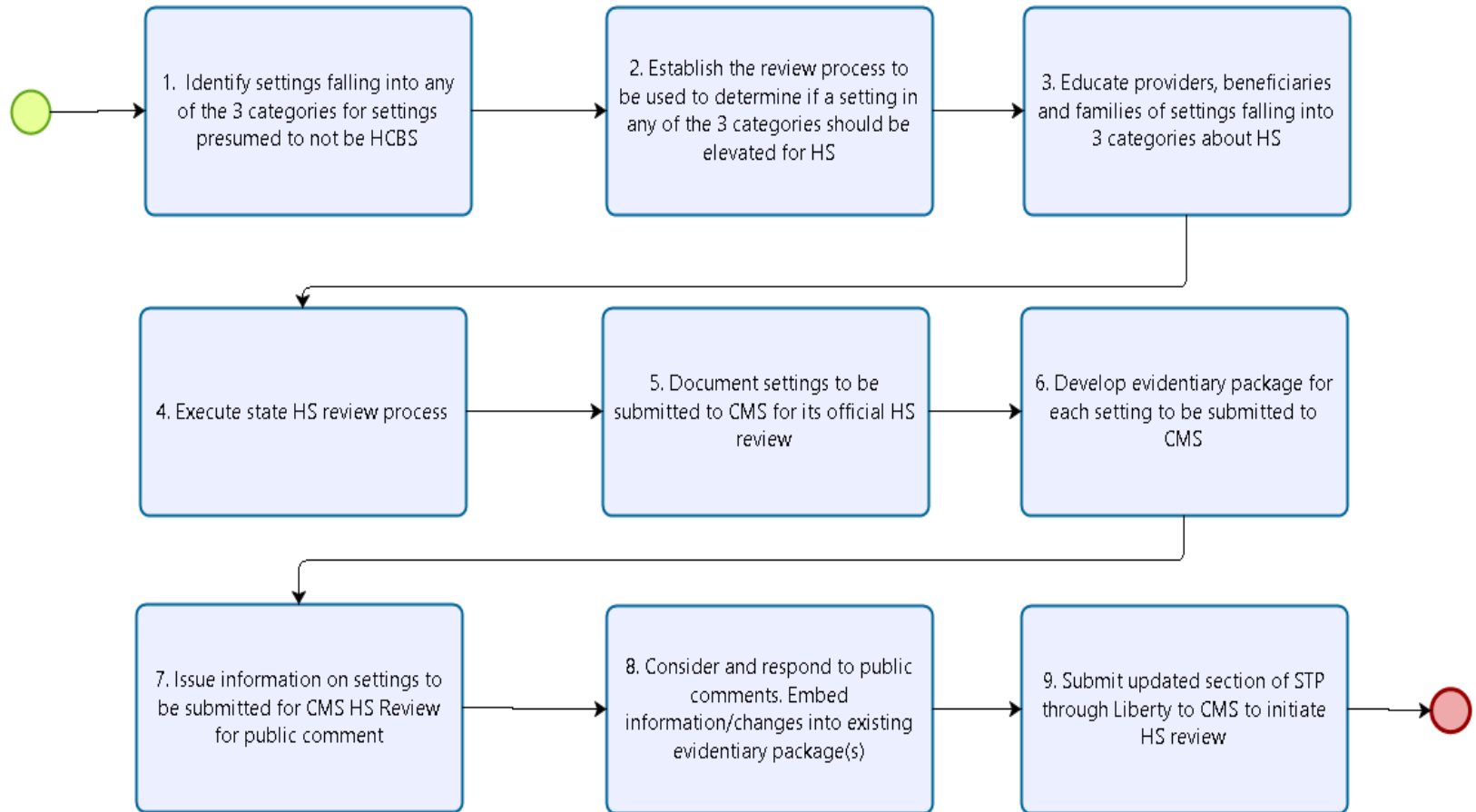
June 4, 2020

Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions

- Agency Updates
  - COVID-19 resources
  - Long Term Living (LTL) policy updates

- Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Quality Review Process: South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) Settings

- Council on Leadership and Advocacy (COLA)

- General updates

Agency Updates

- South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) COVID-19 resources
  - SCDHHS has resources related to COVID-19 for its Healthy Connections Medicaid program and other SCDHHS-administered programs online at https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/ (1)

- Long Term Living
  - Policy updates – provider manuals (2)

South Carolina State-Level HS Process

1. Identify settings falling into any of the 3 categories for settings presumed to not be HCBS

2. Establish the review process to be used to determine if a setting in any of the 3 categories should be elevated for HS

3. Educate providers, beneficiaries and families of settings falling into 3 categories about HS

4. Execute state HS review process

5. Document settings to be submitted to CMS for its official HS review

6. Develop evidentiary package for each setting to be submitted to CMS

7. Issue information on settings to be submitted for CMS HS Review for public comment

8. Consider and respond to public comments. Embed information/changes into existing evidentiary package(s)

9. Submit updated section of STP through Liberty to CMS to initiate HS review

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Information can be found on the SCDHHS HCBS website (3)
  - State-level review process detailed in section 5 of Statewide Transition Plan (STP)

- Recorded presentation for waiver participants and families who live in and/or attend settings in this process available on the SCDHHS HCBS website:
  - On the "Members & Families" page (4)
  - On the "Presentations" page (5)

HCB Settings Quality Review Process: SCDDSN Settings (continued)

- Review team is currently reviewing submitted evidence packages
  - Information submitted by provider on the setting
  - Includes current residential observation
- Providers can continue to submit information on their settings in this process
  - Residential and day observations currently on hold
- SCDHHS and SCDDSN will communicate with providers once new timelines are established:
  - For submitting information to SCDDSN
  - For observations to resume
  - For public notice meetings
  - For heightened scrutiny decisions

COLA

- COLA: Council under the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) (6)

- Purpose is to foster "current and new leaders with lived experience of disability…to promote leadership in their programs and communities."

- Upcoming August meeting – seeking interested partners to attend
  - Contact Ebony Deloach at ebonydeloachadvocate@gmail.com

General Updates

- Virtual Disability Benefits & Employment Workshop (7)
  - June 24, 2020
  - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Register online (link in Resources section of this presentation [slide 11])
- Information to share with group?

Comments/Questions

Resources

1) SCDHHS Website (2020). South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid: COVID 19. Found at: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/

2) SCDHHS (2020). Community Long Term Care (CLTC) Provider Guide, Section 6. Retrieved from: https://www.scdhhs.gov/internet/pdf/manuals/cltc/Section%206.pdf

3) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2019). HCB Settings Review. Found at: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcb-settings-review

4) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2019). Members & Families. Found at: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/members-families

Resources (continued)

5) SCDHHS HCBS Website (2019). Presentations. Found at: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/presentations

6) Association of University Centers on Disabilities (2011). Council on Leadership and Advocacy (COLA). Retrieved from: https://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=41

7) HireMeSC (2020). Disability Benefits & Employment. Found at: https://ablesouthcarolina.salsalabs.org/june2020wshop/index.html

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SCDHHS HCBS Website

https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/

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