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Dear ADSSP and ADI-SSS Grantees and Collaborative Partners,

CMS [guidance](#) issued last week clarifies regulatory requirements for person-centered care for Medicaid beneficiaries in HCBS who exhibit unsafe wandering behavior. While not explicitly stated, it is in line with ACL's dementia program's promotion of systemic dementia capability. It describes some options for HCBS stakeholder education.

Additional information on this guidance can be found below and by clicking the links in the announcement.

Thank you,  
National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

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## **CMS Publishes FAQs concerning Medicaid Beneficiaries in HCBS who Exhibit Unsafe Wandering Behavior**

In 2014, [regulation](#) was issued by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services which finalized the criteria for home and community-based services (HCBS) for the purposes of Medicaid funding.

The criteria require settings receiving HCBS funding to facilitate beneficiary independence and decision-making in defining desired community-based living.

As states, providers, beneficiaries and other stakeholders determine a strategy for complying with the setting requirements during a transition period that ends March 17, 2019, questions have arisen on how to adhere to the individualized nature of service provision for individuals with dementia or other conditions in which unsafe wandering or exit-seeking behavior is exhibited.

Read the [guidance](#) issued this week, which explains how these regulatory requirements can be met and describes some options for HCBS stakeholder education and consideration.

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