

PUBLIC NOTICE
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule:
South Carolina Statewide Transition Plan

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice that the draft Statewide Transition Plan, required per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule (42 CFR 441.301(c)(6)), is available for public review and comment. The South Carolina Statewide Transition Plan will be submitted on or before Jan. 28, 2015. It will be effective upon CMS approval.

The following is a summary of the actions identified in the Statewide Transition Plan:

Assessment of system-wide regulations, policies, procedures, licensing standards and other regulations

- A list of regulations, policies, procedures, licensing standards and other regulations that directly impact home and community-based settings will be compiled.
- They will be read and reviewed to determine that the laws, regulations, etc. are not a barrier to the settings standards outlined in the HCBS Rule.
- Changes will be pursued as appropriate for any regulations, policies, etc. that do not meet the HCBS settings requirements outlined in the CFR.

Assessment of settings

- Identification of all Home and Community-Based settings.
- Identification of any HCB settings that might be subject to the heightened scrutiny process.
- Distribution of self-assessment tool to providers for completion.
- SCDHHS will review individual self-assessments and provide individualized responses to providers on each setting.
- SCDHHS will conduct site visits of HCB settings after self-assessments completed.
- Providers will develop action plans to be approved by SCDHHS to bring settings into compliance with the HCBS rule.

Communication and outreach

- Provide several methods of communication with the public regarding general information on the HCBS Rule and Statewide Transition Plan;
- Provide public notice and comment on the Statewide Transition Plan (details below).

SCDHHS will conduct four regional public meetings and one live online webinar to discuss the Statewide Transition Plan for public input. *These meetings will also include information on three Community Long Term Care (CLTC) waiver amendments and their waiver-specific transition plans. For information on the CLTC waiver amendments, please go to www.scdhhs.gov.* See schedule below for the public meetings:

For individuals who may need a language accommodation, please use the pre-registration links available at scdhhs.gov/events

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM
Date: Nov. 13, 2014
Location: The Cottage at Francis Marion University, Hendrick Room
4822 E. Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29506

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM
Date: Nov. 18, 2014
Location: Kroc Center
424 Westfield Street
Greenville, SC 29601

THIRD PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 2:30 - 4 PM
Date: Nov. 19, 2014
Location: Online Webinar (*will also be recorded for later viewing through Dec. 12*)
Link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/941405902>

FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM
Date: Dec. 2, 2014
Location: The College Center at the Complex for Economic Development of Trident Technical College, Salons A-C
7000 Rivers Ave, Building 920
North Charleston, SC 29406

FIFTH PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM
Date: Dec. 4, 2014
Location: The Babcock Center
2725 Banny Jones Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29170

A copy of this notice is available at SCDHHS Offices and online at scdhhs.gov or scdhhs.gov/hcbs for public review. Additional information concerning the Statewide Transition Plan is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments on the Statewide Transition Plan may be sent to:

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Comments may also be submitted to <https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/webform/comments-questions> . All comments must be received by Dec. 12, 2014.