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Good Morning,

We wanted to let everyone know that the first waiver-specific transition plan has received approval from CMS (recall that the waiver-specific plan is associated with a single waiver amendment or renewal, and only discusses the plan for ensuring compliance with the one waiver). There are not yet any approved statewide transition plans.

CMS staff confirmed that they have approved Indiana's Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver renewal – effective October 1, 2014. This is a waiver that provides services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The full waiver is available online here: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/CHIW.pdf> and the transition plan discussion begins on page 13 of the document. The standalone transition plan, as it was submitted for public comment, is available here: [http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/HCBS\\_Transition\\_Plan\\_FINAL\\_7\\_3\\_2014.pdf](http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/HCBS_Transition_Plan_FINAL_7_3_2014.pdf)

We wanted to highlight a few things from the waiver approval:

- Indiana includes comprehensive discussion of public input processes used, comments received, and the state responses. CMS continues to stress the importance of a robust public input process, and a transparent disclosure of comments/responses.
- The plan includes ongoing stakeholder engagement, including a “transition taskforce.”
- Indiana's plan incorporates several different ways to assess compliance, including both a provider survey with stakeholder review/validation and the National Core Indicators (NCI).

As you may know, NCI is a project led by NASDDDS that assesses participant experience in HCBS programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. NCI-AD is the sister-initiative, led by NASUAD, for seniors and people with physical disabilities. For more information on NCI-AD and how it can help with assessing and ensuring compliance with the regulation, please e-mail Kelsey Walter ([KWalter@nasuad.org](mailto:KWalter@nasuad.org)).

On a somewhat related issue, we note that there still has not been guidance regarding non-residential services and the settings rule. CMS has stressed that nonresidential services, such as sheltered workshops or adult day health, must be in compliance with the regulation. We know that they are working to provide additional guidance on this issue, but they have been that the regulation requirements will apply to nonresidential services.

Please feel free to forward this information to any state staff who are working on HCBS settings transition plans or related issues.

As always, please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

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