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From: Jan Polatty
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 5:40 PM
To: Brenda James
Subject: Let's log.....FW: NAMD Update: HCBS Rule and Follow-up -
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From: Andrea Maresca [<mailto:andrea.maresca@namd-us.org>]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:37 PM
Cc: Matt Salo; Andrea Maresca; Kathleen Nolan; Aaron Larrimore; Angela Boothe
Subject: NAMD Update: HCBS Rule and Follow-up

Dear State Medicaid Directors:

As you probably have seen, today the Administration issued a new rule (CMS-2249-P2) concerning several aspects of Medicaid home and community based (HCB) programs, including provisions articulating the characteristics of a HCB setting. This rule is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on January 16th. In the meantime, we are writing to ensure you have the comprehensive set of materials and call dates announced thus far, which are listed below.

In addition, NAMD continues to inform federal policymakers and national stakeholder groups about the rule's impact on states. We also are working closely with CMS to help shape the types and scope of federal technical assistance resources that you may need in the short and long term. CMS is already planning several state-only technical webinars and plans to enlist a contractor to work with states on some of the initial state environmental scans that will be needed.

To assist NAMD in our ongoing work on this issue, we encourage you to contact me with any or all of the following feedback. We understand that some of this information will take time to develop. Please do continue to update us as your understanding and needs evolve so that we can effectively amplify this at the national level.

- Your state's priority opportunities and most pressing challenges stemming from this rule
- Input on topics that CMS should spend time on with all states during webinars

- Input on topics that may need sub-regulatory guidance, e.g. parameters for adult day centers
- Other questions or suggestions for facilitating states' work with CMS

HHS Resources

- Final rule, currently available on public display:
[http://www.ofr.gov/\(X\(1\)S\(juhwpnhegaowhpr4eg1z2na\)\)/inspection.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](http://www.ofr.gov/(X(1)S(juhwpnhegaowhpr4eg1z2na))/inspection.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)
- CMS Website with fact sheets and other resources: <http://www.medicaid.gov/HCBS>
- CMS sponsored all state call to provide a high level overview of the rule: Monday is 2 – 3 p.m. Eastern Time.
Dial in - 1-877-267-1577, Passcode - 992 903 705
- First CMS webinar for states: Jan 22, 2014 – 2-4pm (Call info TBD)
- Repeat CMS webinar for states: Jan 29, 2014 – 1-3pm
- Secretary blog: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/blog/2014/01/strengthen-access-community-living.html>
- Press release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/01/20140110a.html>

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

-Andrea

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