

Mid-Month Update

CMS Final Rule on Medicaid HCBS

Update Items - March 26, 2014		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	CMS Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS Issued a Toolkit for Guidance on Residential settings • Handouts attached to email • Link to find them: http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Support/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html • Please read!
2.	Waiver Renewal Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group met on 3/18/14 • They have several action items to aid in development of the Transition plan, including doing research on other states' efforts, seeking clarification from CMS on how Final Rule impacts individual services, preparing for Public notice and input, and work on the person-centered service plan • Next Meeting – 4/7/14
3.	Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group still needs members as there are some initial tasks that can be worked on now: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the number of residential facilities used by HCBS participants in the state ▪ Identify the number of day facilities used by HCBS participants in the state ▪ Review the Exploratory questions from CMS to start developing an assessment tool/criteria to evaluate these settings (one for Residential, one for non-residential) ▪ Look at DHHS and DHEC criteria for these providers to see if they can also provide guidance on how to measure compliance with Final Rule based on what measurements these agencies use now ▪ At some point, a corrective action plan for providers will need to be created for those who do not appear to be in compliance
4.	Small workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The list of the small workgroups and their members is attached in the email. Please let me know which one you would like to participant in and I will add you.
5.	New group members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have invited a few more folks to join our group –and may have some more in the near future: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Wright, Provider • Barbara Hollis and Linda Lieser, SC Vocational Rehabilitation • Coretta Bedsole, AARP

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Next Meeting: April 9, 2014