

**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](http://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](http://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](http://scdhhs.gov) or [scdhhs.gov/hcbs](http://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:

Long Term Care and Behavioral Health  
ATTN: Kelly Eifert, Ph.D.  
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P.O. Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

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