

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

COMMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)

South Dakota received comments from CMS in October 2015. CMS's comments are available online: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/long-term-services-and-supports/home-and-community-based-services/statewide-transition-plans.html> CMS requested that South Dakota make revisions to the Statewide Transition Plan (STP), re-post the plan for Public Comment, and re-submit to CMS by March 31, 2016.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

WAIVERS AND SETTINGS INCLUDED IN THE STP: South Dakota added additional clarifying information regarding the types of settings where services are delivered in each HCBS waiver.

SYSTEMIC ASSESSMENTS: South Dakota added a table identifying requirements of the federal regulation and cited the relevant state rules or laws and indicated if the state rules reinforced, are silent on, or conflict with the federal regulation.

SITE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS: South Dakota added tables indicating the number of settings that fully comply, do not comply but could with modifications, cannot comply, or are subject to Heightened Scrutiny review. South Dakota also provided additional information regarding the assessment process.

MONITORING: South Dakota provided additional information regarding the State's process for evaluating data to ensure on-going compliance with the HCBS requirements.

REMEDIAL ACTIONS: South Dakota provided additional information on individual remediation in each concept area.

RELOCATION OF BENEFICIARIES: Although relocation of beneficiaries is not anticipated at this time, South Dakota outlined a process for notification and relocation of beneficiaries.

HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY: South Dakota provided additional information regarding the process for identifying settings that subject to heightened scrutiny review.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: FEBRUARY 15, 2016 TO MARCH 16, 2016

South Dakota anticipates that the updated Transition Plan will be available for Public Comment for 30 days from February 15, 2016 to March 16, 2016. The updated Transition Plan will be posted online at: <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx> or you may contact South Dakota Medicaid to get a copy of the plan. Comments may be made by email, mail, phone, or via a Town Hall Conference Call with South Dakota Medicaid.