



# Home and Community Based Services Settings Final Rule

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# Provisions of the Final Rule

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# Overview of the Final Rule

- **CMS Published:** January 16, 2014
- **Effective Date:** March 17, 2014
- **CMS Final Rule intent:**
  - Maximize the opportunities for participants in HCBS programs to have access to the benefits of community living.
  - Allow participants to receive services in the most integrated setting.

# Overview of the Final Rule

- CMS is moving towards defining settings by the nature and quality of individual's experiences.

Rule Prior to March 17, 2014	Rule Effective March 17, 2014
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# HCBS Settings Characteristics

- All home and community-based settings must meet certain qualifications. The setting must:
  - Be integrated in and support full access to the greater community;
  - Be selected by the individual from among setting options;
  - Ensure individual rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint;
  - Optimize autonomy and independence in making life choices; and
  - Facilitate choice regarding services and who provides them.

# HCBS Settings Characteristics

- Additional requirements for provider-owned or controlled home and community-based residential settings:
  - The individual has a lease or other legally enforceable agreement providing similar protections;
  - The individual has privacy in their unit including lockable doors, choice of roommates and freedom to furnish or decorate the unit;
  - The individual controls his/her own schedule including access to food at any time;
  - The individual can have visitors at any time; and
  - The setting is physically accessible.

# Allowed Modifications

- Any modification to requirements for provider-owned home and community-based residential settings must be:
  - Supported by a specific assessed need.
  - Justified in the person-centered service plan.

# Excluded Settings

- The final rule excludes certain settings from providing Medicaid home and community-based services.
- These excluded settings include:
  - Nursing Facilities
  - Institutions for Mental Disease
  - Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
  - Hospitals

# Settings Transition Plan Requirements

- **Transition Plan:**
  - States are required to submit a transition plan to CMS that details how they will bring impacted services and settings into compliance with the Final Rule.
  - CMS may approve transition plans for a period of up to five years, as supported by individual state's circumstances.

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# South Dakota Medicaid Next Steps

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# What's Next?

- South Dakota Medicaid is required to submit a transition plan for HCBS Settings in South Dakota to CMS by **March 17, 2015.**

Settings  
Assessment

Draft Transition  
Plan

Public  
Comment  
Period

Submit  
Transition Plan  
to CMS

# Draft Transition Plan

- Providers and Consumers complete self-assessments.
- Identify settings/areas already in compliance with Final Rule.
- Identify settings/areas where remedial steps will be necessary for compliance.

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# Draft Transition Plan

- Identify remediation needed for compliance.
- Identify barriers & hardships.
- Help CMS understand landscape in South Dakota.
- Garner additional feedback from stakeholders through public comment period.

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# Next Steps for HCBS Providers

- DSS will host a second provider webinar in September 2014 to deliver detailed information about the Provider Self-Assessment.
- Providers must complete the Provider Self-Assessment following the September webinar.

# Resources

- CMS:

<http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html>

- South Dakota Medicaid:

<http://dss.sd.gov/sdmedx/HCBS>

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# Thank You

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We appreciate your time today and look forward to working with you to ensure individuals served by South Dakota's HCBS programs continue to receive quality supports and services in the community.