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RE: South Dakota Home and Community Based Services Statewide Transition Plan

In 2014, the federal government published a rule requiring Medicaid waiver settings to meet certain requirements. The intent of the new rule is to ensure individuals served by a Medicaid waiver have full access to the benefits of living in the community. South Dakota's transition plan contains a description of how South Dakota Home and Community Based Services settings will come into compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) final rule. CMS granted initial approval of South Dakota's plan on June 2, 2017. The Department intends to submit the plan to CMS for final approval. The plan being submitted for final approval contains updated terminology, action items, target completion dates, and implementation milestones.

Federal regulations require states to obtain public input regarding changes to the transition plan and to make the transition plan available to the public. The revised transition plan and a summary of the changes is available online at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx>.

Attached to this letter is a poster describing the transition plan and how to make a comment. We encourage you to post this poster in a public place in your setting to make individuals residing in your setting aware of the update to the transition plan and the public comment period. This poster will also be posted in local DSS offices across the state.

The statewide transition plan will be open for public comment for thirty days from December 10, 2018 to January 8, 2019. We encourage you to view the transition plan and share the link with other interested individuals. DSS appreciates your questions and comments. Comments may be made in four ways:

- 1) **E-Mail:** hcbs@state.sd.us
- 2) **Mail:** South Dakota Medicaid
ATTN: HCBS Transition Plan
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
- 3) **Phone:** 605-773-6604
- 4) **Town Hall Conference Call with South Dakota Medicaid:**
 - December 19, 2018: 1:00 – 2:00 PM CST
 - December 20, 2018: 1:00 – 2:00 PM CST
 - Dial-In: 1-866-410-8397
 - Conference Code: 6256779181

Please contact the department within 30 days of the date of this message with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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CC: Lynne A. Valenti, Cabinet Secretary
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