

MISSOURI TRANSITION PLAN SUMMARY

In March 2014, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) published a final rule regarding changes to Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS Waiver). The rule defines a home and community based setting and person-centered planning requirements in Medicaid HCBS Waiver programs. The rule requires demonstration of how state's HCBS Waiver programs comply with the federal HCBS rules. Missouri's draft transition plan incorporates all HCBS Waivers administered by Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Department of Social Services (DSS). The purpose of Missouri's draft transition plan is to ensure that individuals receiving HCBS Waiver services are integrated in and have access to supports in the community, including opportunities to seek employment, work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, and control personal resources. The transition plan provides assurances that individuals receiving HCBS Waiver services have the same degree of access and choice as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS Waiver services. This transition plan outlines the proposed process that the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Mental Health and MO HealthNet Division will be utilizing to ensure implementation of the HCBS requirements. Stakeholders are being asked to provide public input and comment in order to allow Missouri to develop a comprehensive assessment plan.

All Missouri waivers are being reviewed for compliance with the final rule. The high level transition plan (work plan) to CMS will include:

1. A plan to review applicable state standards, rules, regulations and policies;
2. A preliminary plan for assessing HCBS Waiver settings;
3. A 30-day public comment period of the draft Transition Plan;
4. A response summary of public comments received;
5. A time frame for the assessment of HCBS Waiver settings;
6. A time frame for a summary of how each setting meets or does not meet the federal HCBS Waiver setting requirements;
7. A time frame for the submission of a comprehensive Transition Plan and process for bringing all HCBS Waiver settings into compliance;
8. A plan for ensuring the health and safety of participants who reside in locations that need to come into compliance during the states specified transition time.