

PUBLIC NOTICE

Transforming
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Home and Community-Based Services
Statewide Transition Plan
Public Comment Period

A final federal rule, published in January 2014, created requirements for home and community-based settings in Medicaid programs operated under sections 1915(c), 1915(i), and 1915(k) of the Social Security Act. The requirements support opportunities to maximize access to the benefits of community living and to receive services in the most integrated setting for Home and Community-Based Service program participants. States are required to submit a statewide transition plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that covers all of the State's Medicaid Home and Community-Based programs.

The State Medicaid Agency in conjunction with DSHS, will be submitting a statewide transition plan to CMS. The plan describes to CMS how DSHS will comply with the new requirements. The plan includes an assessment of how Washington's regulations, standards, policies, licensing requirements, and other provider requirements ensure settings that comply with the requirements. The plan also describes actions DSHS will take to assure full and ongoing compliance with the HCBS settings requirements, including specific timeframes for identified actions.

The draft transition plan is available on the DSHS website at:

<http://www.alsa.dshs.wa.gov/stakeholders/hcbs/>.

A paper copy of the draft transition plan is available upon request by contacting Barbara Hanneman at the address listed below or calling 1-800-422-3263 and selecting option #6.

DSHS welcomes all comments on the draft statewide transition plan. Comments may be submitted to DSHS through the website address listed above. Additionally, comments may be mailed to Barbara Hanneman at the address listed below. DSHS will receive comments through February 6, 2015.

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