

Notice of Public Comment

Public Input into Transition Plan for Home and Community Based services (HCBS) for the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule of January 2014

The Executive Office of health and Human Services is advertising for public comments on the proposed updated Transition plan that will be submitted no later than August 31, 2018. The public comment period is July 13, 2018 through August 11, 2018.

In January 2014 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule regarding Medicaid funded home and community based long term services (HCBS). The rule requires that each state develop a Transition Plan for compliance with the new rule. Rhode Island is planning to submit an updated transition plan on August 31, 2018. The plan proposes that March 17, 2022 as the date the state will be compliant will the new requirements.

The summary of the Intent of the Final Rule of January 2014 was to ensure that Medicaid HCBS services are provided to individuals in a setting that is **integrated** and supports full access to the community; is selected by the beneficiary; ensures an **individual's rights** of privacy, dignity, and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint , optimizes autonomy and independence in making **life choices**; **facilitates individual choice** regarding services and supports, and who provides them: and where possible , the person leads the process of developing his or her service plan.

The original transition plan and any updates can be obtained through the following means:

1. EOHHS website for Home and Community Based Services,
<http://eohhs.ri.gov>
On the main page search Initiative. Scroll down to HCBS Final Rule. The original plan and all updates are there. The most recent addition is dated 6/17/2018
2. Request a version by contacting:
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Signed this 6th day of July 2018