Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) Rules
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Background

The purpose of the HCBS Rules is to ensure individuals receiving HCBS are integrated into their communities and have full access to the benefits of community living.

These new requirements, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), impact individuals receiving services in residential and non-residential settings such as assisted living facilities, group homes, adult day health, day treatment and training, center-based employment programs, etc.

After a public comment period, AHCCCS submitted Arizona's Systemic Assessment and Transition Plan to CMS in October 2015. The systemic assessment conducted by AHCCCS summarized its Arizona's current level of compliance for HCBS settings and was approved by CMS in September 2017.

The Transition Plan outlines strategies the State will use to make sure all HCBS settings come into compliance by March 2022. CMS granted preliminary approval of the Transition Plan in February 2019.

Arizona is now ready to implement the Transition Plan.

Stakeholder Forums and Public Comment Period

AHCCCS is holding stakeholder forums, statewide, in the month of April 2019 to provide information on updates made to the Transition Plan and solicit public comment that will be used to help inform the implementation of the Transition Plan.

Visit the AHCCCS Website (www.azahcccs.gov/HCBS) to:

- Find a flyer of the dates, times and locations of the stakeholder forums
- Download a copy of the stakeholder forum presentation
- Listen and watch a recorded stakeholder forum presentation
- Read Arizona's Systemic Assessment and Transition Plan
- Learn about the 45-day public comment period and how to submit written and email comments

Please send us your questions and comments about the HCBS Rules to:

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