

NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Public Comment Period for Statewide Transition Plan for Alignment with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Regulations on Settings Requirements – Amendment

In January 2014, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) announced a requirement for states to review and evaluate current home and community based (HCBS) settings, including residential and nonresidential settings, and to demonstrate how our waivers comply with the new federal HCB Settings requirements that went into effect March 17, 2014. §§ 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5). CMS posted additional guidance to help states assess compliance and remediate areas that are not fully in compliance. The Department is seeking comments on the transition plan outlined in this notice.

The Department has reviewed all the state's Medicaid waiver programs for compliance with the federal HCB settings requirements and submitted an initial plan to CMS. The initial plan was approved by CMS in November of 2016. The amendment to the plan is available now for public comment and will be submitted to CMS for final approval after the comment period has closed. The plan includes the following information:

- A summary of site visits completed;
- An assessment of compliance of our current settings;
- An inventory of remedial actions taken;
- A summary of how each setting meets or does not meet the federal HCB settings requirements;
- A list of site specific remedial actions;
- A plan and process for bringing all HCBS settings into compliance;
- A plan for monitoring settings on an ongoing basis; and
- Identifying settings that have been submitted to CMS for “heightened review

The plan may be found at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Health-and-Home-Care/Community-Options/CT-STP-Amendment-Final-08-01-2018.pdf?la=en>

A complete text of the plan is available, at no cost, upon request to the Community Options Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06106; email shirlee.stoute@ct.gov.

All written comments regarding the plan may be submitted by September 13, 2018 to the Department of Social Services, Community Options Unit, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford or to Kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov.
