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PUBLIC NOTICE

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HCBS Final Rule Transition Plan

On March 17, 2014 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) enacted a final Federal rule at 42 CFR Sections 441.301(c)(4) and (6) and 441.710(a)(1) and (3) to ensure individuals receiving Long Term Services and Supports through Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs have full access to the greater community and reside in home-like residencies.

In order to satisfy the Federal rule requirement, states must submit a Statewide Transition Plan (STP) to meet new Federal criteria for all relevant HCBS programs under Sections 1915(c), 1915(k) and 1915(i) of the Social Security Act. This plan will outline how the final rule will be implemented over the next five years.

BACKGROUND OF PLAN

The Colorado State Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) submitted the initial STP on November 19, 2014. CMS sent the Department, guidance on the STP on July 30, 2015. The Department made changes to the STP and will be re-submitting the STP to CMS on November 16, 2015.

The proposed STP outlines the Department's process and timelines for working with clients, stakeholders, providers, and other interested parties to implement requirements of the Final rule for all Home and Community-Based Services.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

- The Department will have a draft of the STP available for public comment from October 13, 2015 to November 12, 2015. The plan will be posted on the Department's website and found here: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition
- Individuals may request the draft STP via email at: HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us
- Individuals may request the draft STP via phone or fax:
Fax: 303-866-3991 Attention: HCBS Final Rule Project team
Phone: Adam Tucker. 303-866-5472
- Individuals may request the draft STP by U.S. Mail:
ATTN: HCBS Final Rule Project team
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203

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- Comments regarding the draft transition plan can be emailed directly to:
HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us

- Comments can also be addressed to the following:

ATTN: HCBS Transition
1570 Grant Street
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- All comments will be maintained and responses provided in a regularly updated listening log kept on the Department's website: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition
- The Department commits to incorporating comments, concerns, and suggestions into the proposed transition plan when possible.

