



HCBS Settings Final Rule Quarterly Update for Quarter Ending 12/31/17

- The Department was pleased to receive CMS's initial approval of Colorado's Statewide Transition Plan (STP) and looks forward to receiving the technical feedback mentioned in Mr. Lollar's letter of November 21, 2017.
- Since the last quarterly update, the Department has:
 - Submitted [milestones](#) to CMS for use in CMS's online tracking system.
 - Published [more detailed responses](#) to public comments from June 2016 on the third version of the STP (STP.3) and the first version of the Systemic Assessment Crosswalk.
 - Published a [Communication Brief](#) regarding the requirement that new settings comply with the Settings Final Rule from the outset.
 - Coordinated with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to ensure that both departments' materials relating to provider enrollment and certification include Settings Final Rule criteria. CDPHE is updating its initial survey standards and will soon stop recommending the certification of new providers that are not compliant with these criteria.
 - Continued to work with CDPHE and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to prepare answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding implementation of the settings rule. Because of the volume of questions received, the FAQs are likely to consist of several issuances, with the first and largest to be published this month.
 - Continued to work with staff in the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) to rebuild the Provider Transition Plan (PTP) system using Google's G-Suite platform. A pdf showing roughly what the [updated Adult Residential PTP](#) will look like is on the Department's website to enable providers to think through the issues and collect relevant materials in advance of the G-Suite roll-out, and to enable CMS to review and provide feedback if it wishes.

