



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Summary of Public Notice and Comment Regarding Revised Home and Community Based Services Statewide Transition Plan (STP)

November 2015

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing's (HCPF) revised Home and Community Based Services Statewide Transition Plan (STP) was open for public comment from October 13, 2015 through November 12, 2015.

HCPF provided public notice through the following means:

- Emailing a communication brief on October 7, 2015 to the Long Term Services and Supports Stakeholder list; the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Stakeholder list; and providers, advising the recipients of the availability of the full STP, the comment period, and the ways to comment.
- Publishing a notice on October 8, 2015 on HCPF's website advising the public of the availability of the full STP, the comment period, and the ways to comment.
- Emailing a notice on October 9, 2015 to Tribal Consultation recipients advising them of the availability of the full STP, the comment period, and the ways to comment.
- Publishing notices on October 13 and October 27, 2015, and November 10, 2015 in the newspapers of widest circulation in each city in Colorado with a population of 50,000 or more advising the public of the availability of the full STP, the comment period, and the ways to comment.
- Publishing a notice on October 25, 2015 in the Colorado Register advising the public of the availability of the full STP, the comment period, and the ways to comment.

As HCPF stated in the notices and emails described above and in the STP itself, the full STP was available online at www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition, and individuals could request the full STP in electronic or hard copy format via email at HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us or adam.tucker@state.co.us, via phone at 303-866-5472 (Adam Tucker), via fax at 303-866-3991 (Attention: HCBS Final Rule Project team), or via U.S. mail at ATTN: Adam Tucker or HCBS Final Rule Project team,

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1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. HCPF received and fulfilled one request for the hard copy STP via U.S. mail.

As HCPF stated in the notices and emails described above and in the STP itself (Action Item 5), the public could provide comments via email to HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us or adam.tucker@state.co.us, via phone at 303-866-5472 (Adam Tucker), via fax at 303-866-3991, or via U.S. mail at ATTN: Adam Tucker or HCBS Transition, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203.

HCPF received one inquiry on the revised STP. It included the following:

- Asked where to find quarterly email blasts to stakeholders (STP Action Item 7), what the acronym CHRP meant (Action Item 11), whether HCPF would be providing a template lease (Action Item 18), and what the provider scorecards were (Action Item 41).
 - HCPF plans to answer these questions soon.
- Stated in connection with Action Item 8 that the provider assessment surveys contained some questions that were difficult to answer, which may have contributed to the apparently high rate of noncompliance.
 - HCPF does not view this observation as proposing a change to the STP or the survey design, given that most providers have already completed the survey. HCPF believes that survey results wrongly indicating noncompliance can be addressed through the site visit process.
- Stated that Action Item 25 did not include findings/results/outcomes, and observed that the webinars have been well-attended.
 - In response to this comment, HCPF added a statement to various parts of the STP stating that the webinars have been well-attended.
- Observed that the STP “looks really good” and that it is “so nice to actually know where we are supposed to be going!”
 - HCPF does not view this observation as proposing a change to the STP.

