

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §441.301(c)(6)(iii), the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice related to the state's plan to comply with new regulation governing the settings in which the delivery of services to Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waiver recipients may be provided.

Home and Community-Based Waiver Services Statewide Transition Plan – Revised August 2016

In accordance with and related to Home and Community-Based Services Settings regulations found at 42 C.F.R. §441.301(c)(4)-(5) requiring transition planning per 42 C.F.R. §441.301(c)(6), the state must submit a plan detailing actions to achieve compliance with the Setting requirements by March 2019. A 30-day public notice and comment period are required for the proposed transition plan.

The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Statewide Transition Plan explains the steps the state has taken and will take to come into compliance with the Settings Rule Regulation. The Rule provides definitions and characteristics of HCBS (e.g. HCBS are community-integrated) and the state's responsibility is to explain how it will assure and validate that HCBS waiver services are being provided in a manner that matches the definitions and characteristics.

The transition plan and other related information are posted on the Department's website at <http://dch.georgia.gov/hcbs>. A full printed version of the draft Statewide Transition is available for viewing at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 37th Floor, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Citizens requiring accommodations for review should make their request by calling 404-463-0551 or submitting the request to HCBSTransition@dch.ga.gov

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **August 23, 2016** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **September 9, 2016**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2016

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