

AMENDED 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 Settings Transition Planning

In accordance with and related to new 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. A 30-day public notice and comment period are required for the proposed transition plan. The transition plan is required in conjunction with any waiver amendment or renewal submitted following the implementation of the new regulation which became effective March 17, 2014.

The state's transition plan will be developed with stakeholder input to include public comment through multiple modes including a webinar with toll-free conferencing. The schedule for transition planning activities and other related information for participating in and submitting comment is posted on the Department's website at <http://dch.georgia.gov/waivers>. Initial and ongoing comment may be submitted to the designated e-mail address: HCBSTransition@dch.ga.gov

This public notice and transition plan is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office and <http://dch.georgia.gov/public-notices>. A copy of the transition plan is available with the public notice. All case management entities will make available hard copies of the transition plan to any participant or applicant to the waiver. In addition to the schedule of other comment submission options, an opportunity for public comment will be held on **July 16, 2014, 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 **August 4, 2014**, to The Board of Community Health, Attn: HCBS Transition – 36th Floor, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301 or by fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2014

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