

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MISSISSIPPI STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN

Public notice is hereby given to the submission of the revised Mississippi Statewide Transition Plan (STP) for initial approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Division of Medicaid (DOM) has completed the assessment of its state standards, rules, regulations and other requirements to determine its current level of compliance with the federal Home and Community-Based (HCB) settings final rule. During this assessment, DOM identified gaps between the State Plan, Administrative Code and the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Operational Standards and federal HCB settings regulations. In addition, revisions to the STP were in response to CMS's request for supplemental information and clarifications. The revision of these documents and the timeframes for completion are included in the revised STP.

Once the initial approval has been received, DOM must complete the following actions in order to obtain final approval of the STP:

- Complete site-specific assessment of all HCB settings,
- Develop a remediation plan for providers that do not comply with the HCB settings federal regulations,
- Validate documentation from providers who have undergone remediation,
- Identify and assess HCB settings that are presumed to have institutional characteristics,
- Identify a plan for participants who live in non-compliant settings to transition to compliant HCB settings, and
- Establish a plan for ongoing monitoring of HCB settings in Mississippi.

Prior to the submission for final approval, DOM will submit its final draft of the STP for public comment.

A copy of the revised STP will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov or may be requested at Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov or 601-359-2081.

Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.