First Public Notice for Transition Plan

Information about the Public Notice and comment time period were published to the WVDHHR, Bureau for Medical Services Public Notice page at http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/hcbs/Pages/default.aspx

The URL for the public notice was: http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/HCBSSTP/Pages/default.aspx. The public notice language is below.

Home and Community Based Services Information About New Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released new regulations and guidance on the delivery of home and community-based services (HCBS) offered through Medicaid waiver programs. Through this new rule, CMS intends to ensure that individuals receiving HCBS through Medicaid waivers have full access to integrated, community living including receiving services in the most integrated setting possible. To increase understanding of the rule for individuals receiving services, family members and providers, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services will post information and relevant materials on this webpage.

To fully implement the new rule from CMS, West Virginia must submit a transition plan for each Medicaid waiver offering HCBS to ensure compliance of the new rule. The Bureau for Medical Services is soliciting comments on the draft Transition Plans until **December 26, 2014**. There is one transition plan for each waiver. The transition plans will be combined into one Statewide Transition Plan. Comments from the public will be used to complete the final Statewide Transition Plan to submit to CMS.

Please email <u>WVWaiverTransitions@wv.gov</u> to submit comments and indicate to which waiver(s) your comments pertain or mail comments to:

Bureau for Medical Services
ATTN: WV HCBS Waiver Transition Plan
(Indicate the waiver(s) to which the comments pertain)
350 Capitol Street, Room 251
Charleston, WV 25301

Links to the draft Statewide Transition Plan, waiver-specific transition plans and other supporting documents for review are provided in the links below.

Draft Transition Plans

Public Notice
Statewide Transition Plan
ADW Transition Plan
I/DD Waiver Transition Plan

TBIW Waiver Transition Plan

Current waivers

Aged and Disability Waiver (http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/hcbs/default.aspx)
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Waiver
(http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/hcbs/IDDW/Pages/default.aspx)
Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver
(http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/hcbs/TBIWWS/Pages/TBIWWS.aspx)

General Background Information

CMS Fact sheets on Home and Community Based Services
HCBS Advocacy (Information for advocates about new HCBS rules)

If you have any questions or comments, please email the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services at WVWaiverTransitions@wv.gov or call 304-356-4892