

<b>Section 1: Compliance Assessment</b>				
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROPOSED START DATE</b>	<b>PROPOSED END DATE</b>	<b>SOURCES/DOCUMENTS</b>
Settings Analysis	<p>Louisiana will assess all HCBS rules/regulations and policies/procedures to determine degree of compliance with HCBS settings requirements.</p> <p>Louisiana will identify HCBS settings as they potentially conform to the HCBS setting rule and ability to comply in the future.</p>	10/15/14	10/27/14	<p>Final Rule: <a href="https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-00487">https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-00487</a></p> <p>HCBS Settings Analysis Form</p>
Provider Assessment	Currently, there are no services provided in residential settings through our two 1915(c) waivers that fall within the scope of this rule. Therefore, Louisiana will conduct an assessment of non-residential settings for all applicable 1915(c) waiver providers to determine their degree of compliance with the settings requirements.	11/3/14	12/23/14	Assessment of Non-Residential Settings Checklist
Findings Analysis	<p>Louisiana will compile and analyze the results of the settings analysis and provider assessments. Settings will be classified into the following categories: 1.) Yes, setting is fully compliant; 2.) Not Yet, setting will comply with changes; and 3.) No, setting does not comply.</p> <p>Findings will be presented to stakeholders.</p>	1/5/15	2/27/15	

<b>Section 2: Remediation</b>				
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Information Sharing	<p>Louisiana will draft and distribute letters to providers describing the proposed transition, criteria for appropriate HCBS settings, deadlines for compliance, and technical assistance availability.</p> <p>Louisiana will offer a public stakeholder meeting to inform stakeholders of the new rule. Invitees will include participants and their families, advocacy groups, service providers, and others.</p>	10/27/14	11/19/14	Provider letters
Louisiana Administrative Code	<p>Louisiana will revise rules as necessary to reflect federal regulations on HCBS settings.</p> <p>Training on the new settings requirements will be provided to licensure/certification staff to ensure compliance, when applicable, for newly enrolled 1915(c) service providers.</p>	1/1/15	9/30/15	CFR and Louisiana Register
Provider Manual Revisions	Louisiana will amend applicable 1915(c) HCBS provider manuals to reflect the new qualities and requirements for HCBS settings.	1/1/15	3/31/15	Louisiana Medicaid Provider Manuals
Provider Assessment Findings	Louisiana will identify providers failing to comply with HCBS settings requirements and will require a corrective action plan detailing steps taken to remedy any deficiencies and a timeline for implementation.	1/1/15	3/31/15	Results from Provider Assessments
Enrollment	Upon transitioning into a managed care delivery system in October 2015, Louisiana will require, as applicable, its managed care organizations (MCOs) to verify compliance with settings requirements prior to contracting with providers.	10/1/15	Ongoing	
Quality Framework Strategies	Going forward, Louisiana will require of each MCO to monitor and report on provider’s compliance with the settings rule. If a provider is found to be noncompliant, the MCO shall alert the State of the specific area of noncompliance and support remediation efforts.	10/1/15	Ongoing	

<b>Section 3: Public Comment</b>				
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Announcement of Public Notice	<p>Louisiana will inform its stakeholders of the new HCBS settings rule and invite comments on its transition plan by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distributing an informational letter detailing the new HCBS settings rule and a draft transition plan with instructions on how comments may be submitted in writing or electronically via electronic mail.</li> <li>Louisiana will also designate a page on the Department of Health and Hospital’s website to host the informational notice and transition plan. The website will contain a means to electronically submit comments to the transition plan.</li> </ul>	10/27/14	12/5/14	<p>Informational Letter/Notice</p> <p>Rule Fact Sheet</p> <p>Draft Transition Plan</p> <p>Designated State Website: <a href="http://dhh.louisiana.gov/oaas">http://dhh.louisiana.gov/oaas</a></p>
Public Comment Period and Forum	<p>Louisiana will convene a group of its stakeholders to participate in a listening session. This session will highlight the new HCBS settings requirements and will explain changes required by the rule and the timeframe in which these changes must be implemented. The session will be live streamed via the web so that stakeholders across the state who are unable to attend will have access to view, ask questions, and provide comment via electronic mail.</p>	11/19/14	12/31/14	
Integration of Public Comments into Transition Plan	<p>Louisiana will post public comments and the State’s responses on its website. Information received during the comment period will be considered and the transition plan will be modified, as the State deems appropriate, to account for public comment. Any revised transition plans will also be posted to the website.</p>	11/19/14	1/31/15	<p>Public comments received and state responses</p> <p>Draft transition plan(s)</p>
Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Louisiana will continue to share information and updates related to implementation of the transition plan and HCBS rule during future stakeholder meetings. Information related to progress and proposed actions will be shared to get feedback and comments.</p>			