

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Louisiana Department of Health**

**Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule**  
**Statewide Transition Plan**

The Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, Office of Behavioral Health, and Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities collaboratively provide home and community-based services (HCBS) under the authority of §1915(c) waivers to eligible Medicaid recipients. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published regulations that define the settings in which it is permissible for states to pay for Medicaid HCBS services. The Federal final Rule was published in January 2014 and became effective March 17, 2014. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure that individuals receive services through Medicaid HCBS waivers in settings that are integrated in, and support, full access to the greater community.

In compliance with CMS' requirements, the department submitted a transition plan to CMS that explains how the state will bring its HCBS waivers into compliance with the new regulations. The department determined that it was necessary to update our statewide transition plan (STP) and hereby gives public notice of its intent to submit the updated transition plan and addendum to CMS. The update to the statewide

transition plan is contingent on CMS approval.

The Louisiana Department of Health invites you to review and comment on our updated HCBS statewide transition plan and addendum. Information listed below provides instruction on how you may access, review, and submit comments to each program office. Interested persons may submit written comments to:

Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS)

To access the Statewide Transition Plan Addendum, please visit [www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2030](http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2030). If you would like a hardcopy to review, you may call 1-866-758-5035 (toll free) to have one mailed to you. You may submit comments electronically to [OAAS.Inquiries@LA.GOV](mailto:OAAS.Inquiries@LA.GOV) or by mail to:

Office of Aging and Adult Services  
c/o Melissa Ledoux  
Post Office Box 2031; Bin #14  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2031

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH)

To access the Statewide Transition Plan Addendum, please visit <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1973>. To request a hard copy, email [obh-hcbs@la.gov](mailto:obh-hcbs@la.gov) or call (225) 342-2540. You may submit comments electronically to [obh-hcbs@la.gov](mailto:obh-hcbs@la.gov) or by mail to:

Office of Behavioral Health  
c/o Missy Graves  
Post Office Box 4049, Bin #12  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)

To access the Statewide Transition Plan Addendum, please visit <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2313>. Each Local Governing Entity (LGE) will have a hard copy available for review. LGE contact information is located at:

<http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/134>. You may submit comments electronically to [OCDD-hcbs@la.gov](mailto:OCDD-hcbs@la.gov) or by mail to:

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities  
c/o Rosemary Morales  
Post Office Box 3117, Bin #21  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

The deadline for receipt of all written comments is March 16, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

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Interim Secretary