

Final Rule Stakeholder Call

Topics: Updates on the initial approval of Kansas' Statewide Transition Plan, the site-specific assessment process, the upcoming Final Rule tour, and stakeholder engagement for HCBS waivers.

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Noon call (83 participants on the line)

- 1. Question/Comment:** You said an assessment of 100% of HCBS providers. Do you know what that's going to look like? Will it be an on-site, or what do you have in mind?

KDADS: In 2015 we did some survey assessments, however, we later learned that there were things we were missing in those surveys. So we are going to use a survey that's approved by CMS, it will be online and WSU will be posting it. We'll be talking about it when we go out in July. Providers will answer questions online and provide documentation to show they are in compliance or need some remediation to come into compliance with the Final Rule. Based on the outcomes of that we will do some onsite assessments as well, but we're hoping to have a better idea of what we need to do after getting the answers from providers.

- 2. Question/Comment:** I was curious if you have any kind of agenda for the presentations in July. What's going to be discussed?

KDADS: We are working on that now. We're going to talk about what the site-specific assessment information and talk about learning collaboratives, which will be for providers who will need to do some remediation. We're going to have providers come together to work toward remediation, and we'll use information from providers in other states. We haven't completely worked out the agenda yet, but if there are things you want us to cover, we'd be glad to do so.

Follow-up: You have the phone call on the 17th. Will that be the same as the in-person or should I plan to make a trip?

- 3. Question/Comment:** Are you still planning on using the Montana survey for your model of the self-assessment?

KDADS: Yes. We are working on adapting that for Kansas.

- 4. Question/Comment:** Is there a place that one can find the comprehensive list of HCBS providers, so we know what the scope is that you're looking at for all of these assessments?

KDADS: Are you talking about specific providers or types of providers?

Follow-up: Specific providers so that we know x amount of assisted livings or home plus, etc.

KDADS: I don't have a complete list to show you. We do talk about provider types under the Final Rule. Let me see what I can do about a specific list.

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Evening call (8 participants on the line)

1. **Question/Comment:** Did I understand that you are going to have all HCBS providers do an assessment again? Is that right?

KDADS: Yes, when we did the initial assessment in 2015 CMS did not think it met the criteria for what we needed to gather. They pointed out that Montana has a good assessment tool, so we are working on adapting that for Kansas. We regret that some providers have to do an assessment again, but I think in the long run it is going to be more fair and even for all providers to complete and get the information that we need to come into compliance with the Final Rule.

Follow-up: When the assessment was done originally there were some settings that were found to be inherently in compliance because of the way that particular service is provided. Will those service providers have to do an assessment again? In particular, shared living.

KDADS: I believe they will have to take the assessment again.

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