

# Public Notice and Request for Comment

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published regulations for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) which became effective on March 17, 2014. All states must meet new requirements for individuals who receive services under a home and community-based waiver.

Due to feedback received during the public comment period, the public comment period is being extended until July 22, 2022 to allow for additional feedback.

CMS required all states to develop a Transition Plan for each waiver program affected by this rule. The plan set out how the state assess current settings, and included strategies, and timelines for meeting the requirements of the new rules. The Initial Transition Plan was developed and approved in 2017. The State must be fully compliant with CMS HCBS Final Settings Rule by March 17, 2023. The Transition Plan has been amended for submission to CMS for final approval. The amended plan includes results from the States Provider Assessment Outcomes, Validation strategies, and the States plan to ensure HCBS compliance through Ongoing Monitoring.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would like your comments on this *draft* HCBS Final Transition Plan before it is finalized and submitted to CMS. Links to the plan are available below.

## ***Draft* HCBS Final Transition Plan Document**

[North Carolina DHHS HCBS Final Rule Transition Plan](#)

\*To request hard copies of Transition Plan document, please email [HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov)

## **Comments and input may be submitted in the following ways:**

- **By email:** [HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov)
- **By written comments to:**  
NC DHHS  
ATTN: HCBS Transition Plan  
3015 Mail Service Center  
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- **By FAX:** 919-508-0975 (please include ATTN: HCBS Transition Plan in the subject line)
- **By Calling:** 1-866-271-4894 – North Carolina Community Resource Connection Customer Line
- There is “no wrong door” for submitting feedback/input.

Thank you for sharing your comments. Feedback will be shared on this page in the near future.

If you have feedback or questions, please email: [HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:HCBSTransPlan@dhhs.nc.gov).