



TRANSITION PLAN FOR CT DDS EARLY CHILDHOOD AUTISM WAIVER

In January 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a requirement for states to review and evaluate current home and community based (HCB) service settings, including residential and nonresidential settings, and to demonstrate how our waivers comply with the new federal HCB Settings requirements that went into effect March 17, 2014. States are expected to develop a transition plan that reflects compliance by March 17, 2019. The federal regulations are 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5). The CT Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has created a **draft** Transition Plan to assess compliance with the HCBS settings rule and identify strategies and timelines for developing a plan for compliance with the new rule. CMS posted additional guidance to help states assess compliance and remediate areas that are not fully in compliance.

More information on the rules can be found on the CMS website at www.medicaid.gov/hcbs.

The Arc <http://www.thearc.org/document.doc?id=4596>

The **draft** Transition Plan is open for public comment. The public comment period will be open for 30 days to allow all HCBS participants and providers an opportunity to provide input to the Transition Plan.

All settings in the Early Childhood Autism Waiver fully comply with the new HCBS rule. DDS has reviewed the settings in which Early Childhood Autism Waiver participants reside. This waiver serves thirty young children ages three and four who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and who have significant deficits in adaptive behaviors as well as severe maladaptive behaviors. Children receive behavioral consultation through the use of Applied Behavior Analysis and Functional Behavior Assessments. Services will be provided in the child's home. This is fully compliant with the new rule.

Notice has been published in the CT Law Journal on 7/15/2014 regarding the Transition Plan.

A second notice was published on the DDS website along with the state Transition Plan.

This waiver provides participants with ABA services in their family home or rented home. The home is owned or rented by the family member. This is fully compliant with the new regulatory requirements.

Comments and input on the transition plan can be submitted during the 30 day comment period the following ways:

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