

CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5145, Fax: 860-424-5799, Email: [ginny.mahoney@ct.gov](mailto:ginny.mahoney@ct.gov)). Please reference "SPA 16-016: Hospital Reimbursement for Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive". Members of the public may also send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than April 14, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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### Request for Public Comment

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The Department of Social Services ("the Department") is seeking public comment on its updated Statewide Transition Plan for Alignment With the Home and Community-Based Services Final Regulations Setting Requirements ("STP") for its home and community-based Medicaid waivers.

In January, 2014, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services ("CMS") announced a requirement for states to review and evaluate current home and community-based settings, including residential and nonresidential settings, and to demonstrate how the state's home and community-based Medicaid waivers comply with the new federal settings requirements that went into effect March 17, 2014. 42 CFR §§ 441.301(c)(4)-(5). CMS has since posted additional guidance to help states assess compliance with the setting requirements, and to remediate areas that are not fully in compliance.

Additional information regarding the CMS settings requirements may be found at: <http://www.medicare.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html>

The Department's response to these requirements is known as the STP. The Department initially filed the STP in December, 2014. CMS provided feedback to the Department in October, 2015, and the Department responded with updates to CMS in December, 2015. CMS provided additional feedback to the Department in February, 2016, requiring additional updates. The Department has again updated the STP, with updates noted in italics, and has added attachments containing evidence supporting the Department's completion of milestones listed in the STP.

A complete text of the updated STP is available, at no cost, upon request to the Home and Community-Based Services Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06105, or via email at [shirlee.stoute@ct.gov](mailto:shirlee.stoute@ct.gov). It is also available on the Department's website, [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss), under "Latest News."

Any written comments regarding the STP must be submitted by April 14, 2016 to the Department of Social Services, Home and Community-Based Services Unit, 55 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105, Attention: Kathy Bruni, Director, or via email at [kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov](mailto:kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov).

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