

## TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE KATIE BECKETT WAIVER

On January 16, 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule for home and community based services (HCBS) that requires states to review and evaluate home and community based (HCBS) settings, including residential and nonresidential settings. The rule became effective March 17, 2014. States are required to ensure all HCBS settings comply with the new requirements and analyze all settings where HCBS participants receive services to determine if current settings comply with the final rule. The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) has created a **draft** Transition Plan to assess compliance with the HCBS settings rule and identify strategies and timelines for coming into compliance with the new rule. The federal regulation for the final rule can be found on the CMS website at:

<http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html>

This **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 Katie Beckett waiver fully comply with the new HCBS rule. DSS has reviewed the settings in which Katie Beckett waiver participants reside. This waiver serves children through age 21 who live in family homes that are fully compliant with HCBS settings requirements. The service available to participants is care management by a registered nurse. The care management evaluation is done in the waiver participant's home and includes responsible parties as part of the assessment process. This is fully compliant with the new rule.

Notice has been published in the CT Law Journal on 6/24/14 regarding both the amendment to this waiver and the transition plan. The tribes were notified on June 13, 2014.

A second notice (this document) soliciting comments was published on the DSS web site along with the statewide transition plan.

The only service provided under this waiver is case management. The service is delivered in the participants' home which is a family home owned or rented by the family member. This is fully compliant with the new regulatory requirements.

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

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