

# Home and Community-Based Settings Rule Questions and Answers

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## Louisiana Office of Aging and Adult Services

1. **What is the purpose of the Home and Community-Based Settings Rule?**
  - A. This new federal rule outlines different qualities or features of the service setting (or the place you receive services). The goals of the rule are to ensure service settings located outside of your home are non-institutional in nature and to make sure you have access to your community.
  
2. **What settings are affected by this Rule?**
  - A. If you are receiving the Community Choices or Adult Day Health Care Waiver, the Rule only applies to services provided in Adult Day Health Care centers.
  
3. **How will this Rule affect my services?**
  - A. The amount of services you receive will not be affected by this rule. However, you may notice some changes or improvements to the place where you receive services. Some of these changes may include that information is posted or provided to inform you of activities in your community and that you have a choice of different activities when you attend the center.
  
4. **What is a transition plan?**
  - A. Our transition plan describes how the Office of Aging and Adult Services will implement this rule. It details how we will involve our stakeholders (participants, providers, and advocates) in the planning process, how we will determine what changes are needed, and how we will implement these changes to make sure services provided under the Office of Aging and Adult Services comply with the rule.
    - Our transition plan and other information on the Settings Rule may be found on the OAAS website at <http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2030>
  
5. **Why are we asking for your comments?**
  - A. We believe it is important that you, as an individual receiving our services, have a voice in helping us plan how we implement this rule. If you would like to provide any comments or suggestions on our plan, please send them to us by:
    - Mail at:  
Office of Aging and Adult Services  
P.O. Box 2031 (Bin 14)  
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