



# State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Date: January 30, 2015

To: OCDD Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Providers,  
Consumers and Family Members, and Stakeholders

From: Mark Thomas, OCDD Assistant Secretary 

RE: **Public Forum involving the impact of the HCBS Settings Final Rule and Transition Plan**

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The purpose of this memo is to advise you of additional opportunities to learn about the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Transition Plan. Two public forums will be held for you to learn about Louisiana's plan, and to provide input and comment into the process. The OCDD Transition Plan, which is being guided by new federal regulation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), will impact OCDD home and community-based services (HCBS) settings.

The new regulations issued in March 2014 also define and describe the requirements for home and community-based settings. The rules are intended to ensure that individuals receiving Medicaid-reimbursed HCBS have opportunities for community integration and full access to the benefits of community living. Settings which do not comport with these requirements will not be eligible for federal Medicaid funding. States are required to evaluate the settings in which HCBS are currently provided to determine their compliance with the new rule and to develop transition plans where needed to achieve compliance in order to continue receiving federal Medicaid reimbursement. Additional information about this rule can be found on the Medicaid.gov website under Home & Community-Based Services 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>

Please see the following page for details regarding the two public forums.

If you are unable to attend a meeting in person, you can view the transition plan as well as provide your input at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1991>. If you do not have access to the Internet but would like a copy of the Transition Plan or to provide input, please contact OCDD at 1-866-783-5553 or via mail at the address below.

## **HCBS Transition Plan Public Forums**

**February 11, 2015**

**10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Willis-Knighton Bossier

2400 Hospital Drive (Large Conference Room)

Bossier City, LA 71111

**February 20, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Terrebonne Parish Library, North Branch

4130 West Park Ave.

Gray, LA 70359