

Now Available: Pennsylvania's Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Submitted to CMS ODP Announcement 22-112

AUDIENCE:

All Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To inform all interested parties of the submission of Pennsylvania's Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Statewide Transition Plan is available on the Department of Human Services' (Department) website.

DISCUSSION:

On October 31, 2022, the Department submitted Pennsylvania's Statewide Transition Plan to CMS. The Statewide Transition Plan may be viewed at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HCBS-Statewide-Transition-Plan.aspx>.

As part of the development of the Statewide Transition Plan, the Department released a draft version on August 22, 2022, for a 30-day period of public comment. The Department received written and verbal comments from 23 participants, family members, and organizations. A summary of comments received, and Department responses are contained in Appendix E of the Statewide Transition Plan. Appendix E

also outlines whether revisions were made to the Statewide Transition Plan based on comments received.

CMS is responsible for reviewing the Statewide Transition Plan to ensure all federal regulatory requirements are met. During the review process, CMS may request that technical changes be made to the Statewide Transition Plan. When this occurs, CMS usually includes a summary of changes made with the final approval letter. The Department will notify all interested stakeholders when CMS has approved the Statewide Transition Plan and will make the approved version available at that time.

COMMENT: Questions about the Statewide Transition Plan or this communication should be directed to ra-pwhcbsfinalrulepl@pa.gov.