

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the provisions of Title 42, Section 441.301(c)(6)(iii), of the Code of Federal Regulations, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Settings for the Division of Medicaid's 1915(c) Assisted Living (AL) Waiver, which provides services as an alternative to institutionalization in a nursing facility to individuals twenty-one (21) years or older, aged, and disabled require one (1) or more waiver services.

1. The 1915(c) AL transition plan for home and community-based settings is required as outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 42 CFR § 441.301(c)(4). The purpose of the transition plan is to ensure Medicaid beneficiaries are receiving Home and Community-Based Services in settings that meet the quality requirements specified in the final rule and are appropriate based on the needs of the individual as indicated in their person-centered service plan. The final rule provides the Division of Medicaid the opportunity to develop a transition plan that encompasses a period of up to five (5) years after the effective date of the regulation to meet the provisions of the final rule.
2. A public hearing and teleconference regarding the contents of this notification will be held Friday, September 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at the Woolfolk Building in Room 145 located at the Woolfolk State Office Building, 501 N. West Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201. To join the teleconference dial toll-free 1-877-820-7831 and enter the participant passcode 3599662.
3. A second public hearing regarding the contents of this notification will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the War Memorial Auditorium located at 120 South State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Please note, teleconference access will not be available at this hearing.
4. The 1915(c) AL Waiver transition plan, public notice, and comments are available for review at www.medicaid.ms.gov in the News and Notices section.
5. Written comments will be received via mail at the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or by submission via e-mail to Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov from September 17 through October 17, 2014. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and at www.medicaid.ms.gov in the News and Notices section.

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