

# State Gets Final Federal Approval of Transition Plan for Compliance with Home and Community-Based Services Rule

NEW CASTLE (Oct. 19, 2017) – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has given final approval to Delaware’s Statewide Transition Plan for complying with the federal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) final rule. The rule defines home and community-based settings for participants in Medicaid HCBS programs.

The Statewide Transition Plan, submitted by DHSS’ Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, describes the activities Delaware has undertaken to achieve and maintain full compliance with all federal requirements. CMS required all states to develop a Statewide Transition Plan to outline how they would come into compliance with the final rule by March 17, 2019.

“We are grateful to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for this final approval so early in the overall process,” Department of Health and Social Services Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker said. “Community inclusion is fundamental to our mission at DHSS and to the people with disabilities whom we serve. Now, thanks to the work we’ve done with stakeholders across the state, we have the road map to ensure that all Delawareans with disabilities have full access to community inclusion through a strong system of home and community-based services. We look forward to continue working with individuals, families, providers and other community partners so we can strengthen the plan further.”

Transition plan documents are available at:

[http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/hcbs\\_trans\\_plan.html](http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/hcbs_trans_plan.html)

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