



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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To: Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
Executive Directors
Children's Mental Health Directors
Behavioral Health Directors
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority
Value Options
YES Comprehensive Waiver Providers

From: Trina Ita, Director
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Re: Home and Community-Based Services Rule Statewide Transition Plan
Posting for Public Comment

Purpose:

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) plans to submit an update to the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) statewide transition plan (STP) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The update includes responses to CMS feedback received in summer 2016. The updates clarify and strengthen components of the STP to help the state obtain federal approval of the STP.

The updated STP will be posted on the HHSC website on Oct. 17, 2016 and open for public comment. The website link is <http://legacy-hhsc.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/hcbs/>
The comment period is from Oct. 17, 2016, through Oct. 21, 2016, at 5 p.m. Comments should be sent to Medicaid_HCBS_Rule@hhsc.state.tx.us. Because of the deadline for the submission of the updated STP to CMS, comments received will be considered in future updates to the STP.

HHSC will update the STP in the spring of 2017 and will include more substantive changes. The 2017 STP updates will be posted for 30 days and allow for public comment and inclusion of comments in the update.

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