



Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Provider Bulletin
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Subject: Provider Training on Required Self-Assessment of Home and Community Based Service Settings

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Scope

All DMH Certified Providers of ID/DD community living and day programs

Purpose

To provide information on upcoming training on the DMH/DOM required self-assessment of home and community based service settings

Subject

In January of this year, CMS released its final rule that addresses several sections of Medicaid law under which states utilize federal Medicaid funds to pay for HCBS. The defining of community settings and person-centered planning requirements in the rule are two of the major areas that will directly impact service provision.

One of the major outcomes of this new rule is that providers must first qualify as a community-based setting (as defined by the rule) in order to receive Medicaid reimbursement for HCBS. As a result of these new rules, states are now be required to assess their HCBS programs to ensure HCBS service sites meet the new criteria.

States were required to submit transition plans to CMS for approval. Mississippi's transition plans for the ID/DD Waiver and 1915 (i) State Plan Amendment include a DMH/DOM required self-assessment of provider settings.

All DMH certified providers of ID/DD services will be required to complete the self-assessment on all ID/DD community living and day program settings. DMH will offer providers training on utilization of the self-assessment tool on Friday, December 5th from 10-12 at the War Memorial Building located at 120 S. State Street in Jackson, MS. For providers unable to attend, DMH is also offering a webinar on the utilization of the self-assessment tool on Wednesday, December 10th from 10-12. Please contact Brandy Andrews at 601-359-1288 or brandy.andrews@dmh.state.ms.us to register for the webinar.

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