

Final Rule Stakeholder Call

Topics: Update on Progress in Obtaining Initial Approval and Statewide Transition Plan Updates

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Noon call (48 participants on the line)

1. **Question/Comment:** This may have been sent out already and I missed it but is there a draft plan or a draft transition plan that the state is wanting input on or the final settings rule or where is the state at on that?

KDADS: We do have a document for initial approval that we have shared with CMS but it is on our website on the HCBS page.

2. **Question/Comment:** When you had said that you are meeting with the new leadership, are you meeting with the new leadership to go over the current statewide transition plan or basically the plan on how the Kansas will conform to the final settings rule or help me understand that process.

KDADS: We have met with leadership and we have shown them what we completed so far. However to move forward to get the initial approval and also look at the assessments we've sent out over the past few years and what else might need to be done to come into compliance with the final rule and get approval from CMS.

3. **Question/Comment:** I'm looking at the website and the last notes I see are from September 2015. What kind of timeframe should we expect to see these minutes uploaded to the website?

KDADS: I will see if I can get those uploaded to the website.

4. **Question/Comment:** Has there been a study done to understand the fiscal impact of coming into compliance with the settings rule?

KDADS: I'm not aware that there has been a study done but we are looking at other states to see what they have done to come into compliance and if they have fiscal impacts that have affected them. We are hoping to learn more about that.

5. **Question/Comment:** Great. I know that California and Massachusetts have done those studies and- Michelle I will send you email on who did those studies for them- their studies indicated that it will cost 31 million additional dollars to come into compliance. They asked the legislature for those additional funds and were given them. If Kansas goes forward with conducting the studies to figure out the cost of implementation will Kansas then go forward and ask the legislature and ask stakeholders to ask the legislature to increase the budget in accordance?

KDADS: I'm not in a position to answer that question specifically but we are interested in what the fiscal impact will be and we will look at other states.

6. Question/Comment: To just recap, you have an ongoing discussion with CMS and you are on their timeline not ours. What is the process going forward? A lot of the stakeholder sessions were in 2015, the plans were resubmitted and resubmitted and now we are in 2019. What does the timeline look like to move forward>

KDADS: We feel like we are much closer on the systemic assessment- which is what we are waiting for initial approval on- and we just got back the information on foster care and the information we got back from them is that foster care will be considered an HCBS setting which means that has to comply with the final settings rule. We have more work to do there but we are aware that we are on a short timeline. We want to get initial approval and move forward and come into compliance by 2022 and we really need to give providers plenty of time to come together and figure out what that is going to look like.

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Evening call (6 participants on the line)

No questions.

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