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KDADS Launches Online HCBS Settings Final Rule Self-Assessment for Providers

The online self-assessment is available now through January 15, 2020

TOPEKA – In January 2014, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a requirement for states to review and evaluate current Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) settings, including residential and non-residential sites, and to demonstrate compliance with the new Federal HCBS Settings Final Rule that went into effect March 17, 2014.

In the same year, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) launched a survey to begin the work of complying with the HCBS Setting Final Rule guidelines, which were developed to ensure members receiving long-term services and supports through HCBS programs under Medicaid waiver authorities have full access to benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate.

Using findings from its initial survey, along with further guidance from CMS, KDADS recently launched an online provider self-assessment that can validate compliance for 100 percent of providers in Kansas. KDADS has invested resources to ensure the assessment is easy to navigate and provides accurate measurements and responses to providers regarding their Kansas Final Rule compliance. Using the self-assessment tool, providers who were not considered compliant with the 2014 survey may now be considered compliant.

“The HCBS staff at KDADS has worked efficiently and with purpose to make it as simple as possible for Kansas providers to gauge their successes along the pathway to compliance,” KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. “The launch of this self-assessment tool underscores the importance of working collaboratively with partners and relying on data and outcomes to chart progress.”

All providers in Kansas must complete a self-assessment for each site they own or operate that receives HCBS Medicaid funding. Sites that are not assessed will not be eligible to receive Medicaid HCBS funding after March 17, 2022. The self-assessment will be available from now to January 15, 2020. Providers are

encouraged to complete the self-assessment as soon as possible in order to find out which areas they need to remediate. All assessments must be submitted by **January 15, 2020**.

Information on KDADS' HCBS Provider Self-Assessment is available at <https://communityconnectionsks.org/>.