

Final Rule Stakeholder Call

8/19/2020

Noon Call (50 participants on the line)

- 1) **Question/Comment:** For heightened Scrutiny category 3, if we were to answer and resubmit all our questions before July 1, 2021, we will be able to be removed from heightening scrutiny. Did I understand that correctly?

KDADS: If a category 3 site is able to fully remediate by July 1, 2021, that site will not need to go through the heightened scrutiny process.

- 2) **Question/Comment:** If we have two questions on heightened scrutiny in the remediation tab, do I go ahead and answer those as well as all the other questions and resubmit?

KDADS: Yes, for category 3, heightened scrutiny questions they can be remediated just like all other questions for category 1 and 2.

- 3) **Question/Comment:** If we turn in documentation through policies or our handbook, can we use either or do we have to use both?

KDADS: Turn in the evidence you think shows compliance. The Desk Review team will work with you if they need additional evidence or changes to that evidence.

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Evening Call (11 participants on the line)

- 1) **Question/Comment:** For category 1 and 2 settings those are ones where we do the heightened scrutiny review process by completing what we need to online and submit a document. What if you are in category 3?

KDADS: Sites that only triggered heightened scrutiny category 3 will work on remediating questions on the remediation tab. Those need to be remediated by July 1, 2021 in order to not go through heightened scrutiny.

- 2) **Question/Comment:** We received a letter with heightened scrutiny in it, but it didn't say what category they were. Do we need to go online to see which category we fall in to?

KDADS: Yes, you can log in to your provider account on Community Connections and there is a color-coded key showing heightened scrutiny questions.

3) Question/Comment: Can you explain the difference between the deadline March 17, 2022 deadline and July 1, 2022 deadline?

KDADS: Those are actually the old deadlines. CMS has extended the deadlines. All providers and the State must be in compliance with the Final Rule by March 17, 2023. The July 1, 2021 deadline is for category 3 sites to remediate without going through heightened scrutiny.

4) Question/Comment: Have you asked people receiving services about their perspective in these settings?

KDADS: The heightened scrutiny team will interview persons-served. The current provider self-assessments have just been providers answering questions.

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