

HCBS Final Rule Stakeholder Call

11/18/2020

Noon call (95 participants on the line)

- 1) **Question/Comment:** On the remediation tab when we go in prior to submitting and select how we plan to remediate, can we modify the date by which we have that complete? I wanted to make sure there would not be a penalty if I did not complete remediation by that date.

KDADS: That date is basically a date to help providers set a goal so as of right now you would only be able to go out until July 2021, if you go past that date, you will be fine, it won't hold you up or lock the system or anything. It is more of a goal date to work on. No, no penalties. We will work with everybody to get them compliant until CMS says we can't anymore.

- 2) **Question/Comment:** I have a question regarding heightened scrutiny. I know that we submitted pictures and they said that it wasn't labeled. We have a home that is around other homes and apartments, how do we label that- do we just put "home" or "apartment"? I don't know how to label that.

KDADS: I would say that for those sort of situations I would just put "private residence" or "Apartment" or "townhome". Just however you can label the places in the immediate vicinity so that we can verify that it isn't adjacent. There is evidence guidance on the community connections that you can reference for that.

- 3) **Question/Comment:** Our agency is a CPA and I am not finding what I need to know so is there any information for CPAs?

KDADS: We are working with DCF to make sure that we do get trainings out for CPAs because what you are providing is a little bit different than evidence. There were two specific trainings for CPAs, go out to the chat at community connections and send that in so I can follow up with you. Please send that into the chat and I will get your contact information and schedule a training with you.

- 4) **Question/Comment:** We changed locations and we had some locations started on remediation from those previous locations. What do we do for those locations that changed?

KDADS: Go into the website communityconnectionsks.org and scroll down to the bottom and click the orange box that says "request assistance" to the form and click on it and fill that out and send it to me. If anybody needs to change sites, open new sites, close sites, etc., please go fill out that form. Don't just get rid of any policies that you do have drafted, they can probably still be used for that new location.

- 5) **Question/Comment:** We have heightened scrutiny for onsite day services. Would the best way to address that be through policies and should we simply just

state that we do not offer on site day services except for snow days or now, during the pandemic for example.

KDADS: Yes the best way to do that would be through policy. A lot of the policies that we look at would just be to ensure that if they are in one place they are not being isolated and kept apart from the community and things like that. Policies to show that is not occurring are probably the best. And keep in mind we are not looking at policies that are happening right now during COVID, we are looking at more how you will function normally.

6) Question/Comment: Our sites were deemed heightened scrutiny due to the inability to determine that we are not connected to an institution. Do we submit more pictures or wait for an on-site visit?

KDADS: If you have not opened up that two way communication with the KDADS team, please go ahead and do that. We will work with you until we have that evidence verified. Please do that as soon as possible. Do not wait for an on-site.

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Evening call (9 participants on the line)

There were no questions or comments on this call.