

WSC ADVISORY #2022-008
**HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES SETTINGS RULE: STATEWIDE
TRANSITION PLAN**

ACTION ENCOURAGED – COMMENT PERIOD ENDS APRIL 24, 2022

EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 31, 2022

This advisory informs Qualified Organizations, Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs), and Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Consultants that the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has begun a 30-day public comment period to solicit meaningful public input for consideration in the development of the Statewide Transition Plan in compliance with the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule (CMS 2249-F). The comment period is from March 25, 2022, through April 24, 2022.

The Statewide Transition Plan is designed to ensure individuals receiving home and community-based services are integrated in, and have access to, supports in the community, including opportunities to seek employment, work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and maintain the rights of privacy, dignity, respect, and freedom. The Statewide Transition Plan describes how the state will assess, determine compliance, remediate, and monitor the HCBS settings to ensure continued compliance with the requirements.

The draft Statewide Transition Plan can be viewed on AHCA's website at: https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/hcbs_waivers/Statewide_Transition.shtml. Comments can be submitted to AHCA by email at: FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com or by mail at: Agency for Health Care Administration, Bureau of Medicaid Policy, 2727 Mahan Drive, MS 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

APD encourages Qualified Organizations, WSCs, and CDC+ Consultants to share this information with all interested clients.