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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

HCBS SETTINGS RULE SURVEY

Attention NOW and COMP Providers

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has introduced new regulations to improve the quality and protections associated with Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), which cover long-term services and supports provided in home and community-based settings. The HCBS Final Rule is focused on enhancing the quality of life for individuals receiving these services through a person-centered planning approach and clearly defined setting qualifications.

Georgia is required to document that our HCBS settings that apply are meeting compliance and the initial compliance is going to be based on an assessment survey.

HCBS Settings Rule Survey

This was discussed in the August 2024 provider meetings, and DCH has sent the HCBS provider survey to all NOW and COMP Waiver providers to whom the HCBS Settings Rule is applicable. Below are the services which are encompassed by the HCBS Settings Rule and require a survey for each service site:



- Community Residential Alternative including Host Home
- Community Access Group
- Community Access Group – Co-Employer
- Supported Employment Group
- Supported Employment Group – Co-Employer
- Out of Home Respite
- Out of Home Respite – Co-Employer
- Prevocational Service

**Please note each service site requires completion of the HCBS provider survey.*

Some provider locations were not polled, and the survey tool is being offered to those sites that were not polled in August 2024. If you have completed a survey for a specific service and site, you will NOT need to complete another survey.

The HCBS provider survey went to the contact email for each service site which is identified on the [Georgia Medicaid Management Information System \(GAMMIS\)](#) website. This email address can be found by hovering over the "**Provider Enrollment**" tab and selecting the link for "**Provider Contract Status**". Once on the webpage, enter the applicable

Medicaid Provider ID for the site in question to obtain the email address of the staff which received the HCBS survey.

The surveys for each service site must be completed by Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Access to the survey may also be found by logging into the secure Web Portal and viewing and clicking on the message(s) with the subject title, “[Provider Number]: HCBS Assessment Required”.

Messages					
Category	Subject	Sent Date	Effective Date	End Date	Remove
INTRODUCTION	Provider Number : HCBS Assessment Required	10/31/2024	10/31/2024	11/20/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>

Instructions on how to access secure provider messages are in the **Web Portal Navigational Manual**, available at the link below.

GAMMIS Web Portal Navigational Manual

For any questions or issues with completion of the survey, please contact HCBSTransition@dch.ga.gov.

Join us at the **Statewide IDD Provider Meetings next week as we will be demonstrating how to access and fill out the survey.**

- November 12th - UGA Tifton Campus Conf Center - 15 R D C Rd, Tifton, GA 31794
- November 13th - Anderson Conference Center - 5171 Eisenhower Pkwy suite D, Macon, GA 31206
- November 14th - Douglasville Conference Center, Ballroom, 6700 Church Street, Douglasville, GA 30134



If you did not preregister for the IDD Provider Meeting, you can still attend and fill out a Walk-in Registration. Plan to join us as this will be reviewed and a demonstration of how to access the survey will be presented.

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