

Since the creation of our current HCBS waiver system, Minnesota’s Department of Human Services (DHS) and providers have been working together to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities have access to the highest-quality services.

Providers like you play an important role in making sure that individuals can make choices and pursue opportunities, contribute to their community, and are treated with dignity and respect.

New federal HCBS rule

In response to a new federal HCBS rule, DHS is partnering with providers to further expand choice and autonomy for people who receive home and community-based services. The HCBS rule raises expectations around what is possible for older adults and people with disabilities—and it will change the way some services are currently provided. It aims to ensure that HCBS waiver services do not isolate a person from the community.

Does this apply to me?

If you provide services to people whose services are funded by a waiver – alternative care (AC,) brain injury (BI,) community alternative care (CAC,) community access for disability inclusion (CADI), developmental disabilities (DD) or elderly waiver (EW) – you must complete an attestation.

Providers of services in the following settings are required to complete the attestation:

- **Residential settings, including:**
 - Adult foster care or supportive living services provided in a licensed setting
 - Child foster care or child supportive living services provided in a licensed setting
 - Customized living
- **Day settings, including:**
 - Adult day services—family and center based
 - Day training and habilitation, prevocational services, and structured day

New Federal Home and Community -Based Services (HCBS) Rule: Provider Attestation Update

What does the new rule require?

Under the rule, people receiving HCBS waiver services must be able to make decisions for themselves, be active members of their communities, and live, work, and learn in ways that are meaningful to them. In 2017, all providers of services in day and residential settings must meet additional requirements to verify that individuals:

- Have choices in all aspects of their lives
- Receive supports in the most integrated setting possible for the person
- Have full access to the benefits of community living

What's next?

You have until **September 1, 2017**, to comply with all new setting regulations, unless you receive an extension. For each new setting regulation, you will indicate on the online attestation form whether you:

- currently meet the regulation or
- do not yet meet the regulation but are working to come into compliance by September 1, 2017

You can update the online attestation form and upload new documentation to demonstrate how you are adapting services to meet these new requirements on an ongoing basis.

To complete your online attestation, visit the transition plan for home and community-based settings webpage at mn.gov/dhs/hcbs and select the "Provider attestation" link under the "Latest information" header. Identify the service you deliver and select the "DHS-7176-ENG Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Provider Attestation (PDF)" link to complete or update your online provider attestation.

How do I get more information?

DHS is committed to your success. We will provide comprehensive support through each step of the attestation process. We will also provide direct support and technical assistance to those providers who need it. For more information on how you can prepare for the attestation process, visit the transition plan for home and community-based settings web page at mn.gov/dhs/hcbs or email hcbs.settings@state.mn.us.

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