

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MED-QUEST DIVISION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

Under the provision of Title 42, Section 441.301(c)(6)(iii), of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R), the State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services (the State), hereby notifies the public that it intends to submit a transition plan for Home and Community-Based Services Settings for Hawaii's 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver, which provides services as an alternative to institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

The 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan for home and community-based services settings is required as outlined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in 42 C.F.R. 441.301(c)(4). The purpose of the transition plan is to ensure Medicaid beneficiaries are receiving HCBS in settings that meet the quality requirements specified in the final rule and are appropriate based on the needs of the individual as indicated in their person-centered service plan. The final rule provides the State the opportunity to develop a transition plan that encompasses a period of up to five (5) years after the effective date of the regulation to meet the provisions of the final rule.

The State will hold a public forum to seek input on the proposed 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan described in this notification.

January 14, 2015 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Queen's Conference Center Auditorium
(formerly Mabel Smythe Building)
1301 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

For individuals who wish to participate by video teleconference (VTC), sites and locations are being finalized and will be posted online at www.med-quest.us under News and Events.

All interested parties are invited to join the public forum and to state their views regarding the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan. In lieu of joining the public forum in person or by VTC, written testimony may also be provided and must be received by the State from the date of publication of this notice through **January 30, 2015** to:

Department of Human Services
Med-QUEST Division
Attention: Health Care Services Branch
P.O Box 700190
Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190

The 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan is available online at: www.med-quest.us under News and Events. A copy of the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan will also be available for public viewing at the Med-QUEST Division offices listed below from the first working day that the legal notice appears in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune Herald, West Hawaii Today, The Maui News, and The Garden Island for a period of at least thirty calendar days after the publication of this notice, from Monday – Friday, exclusive of state holidays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

East Hawaii Office
88 Kanoelehua Avenue, Room 107
Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (933-0339)

Maui Office
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (243-5780)

West Hawaii Office
75-5591 Palani Road, Ste. 3004
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (327-4970)

Molokai Office
65 Makaena Place, Room 110
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (553-1758)

Kauai Office
4473 Pahee Street, Suite A
Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (241-3575)

Lanai Office
730 Lanai Avenue
Lanai City, Hawaii 96763 (565-7102)

Oahu Dillingham Office
801 Dillingham Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Oahu Kapolei Office
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Rm 518
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Special accommodations (i.e. interpreter, sign language interpreter, large print, taped materials, or accessible parking) will be arranged, if requested no later than seven (7) working days before the scheduled public forum on Oahu by calling **808-692-8094**. Neighbor island residents requesting special accommodations should contact the appropriate Med-QUEST Division offices on the respective neighbor islands listed above.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BARBARA YAMASHITA
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Hawaii HCBS Transition Plan

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to submit a transition plan to CMS by March 17, 2015. Hawaii's transition plan will address areas of assessment, remediation, and public input. DHS is partnering with Medicaid waiver participants, families of individuals with disabilities, provider associations, advocates, other State agencies, and other stakeholders throughout this process to provide input into the plan. One goal of the plan is to assure that providers have access to needed information to assist with transition activities. There will be at least a 30-day public comment period before the statewide transition plan is submitted to CMS. The final outcome will be that Medicaid waiver participants will be served in a way that will enable them to live and thrive in truly integrated community settings.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Questions and comments on the Hawaii State Transition Plan, can be submitted by email to mychoicemyway@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us.