Hawaii’s Transition Plan

Hawaii’s transition plan is called “My Choice My Way”. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is partnering with Medicaid waiver participants, provider associations, advocates, other State agencies, and other stakeholders throughout this process to develop the plan, receive input, and ensure that everyone has access to needed information to assist with transition activities. DHS is committed to engaging with stakeholders through this process and looks forward to receiving feedback. The outcome of this open process will be that Medicaid waiver participants will be supported in a way that enables them to live and thrive in truly integrated community settings.

What is new with the “My Choice My Way” plan?

This is an update of the activities so far and what will be coming soon:

- The My Choice My Way workgroup has been developing the statewide transition plan and has finalized the draft on December 11, 2014.
- The My Choice My Way transition plan draft is posted on the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division (MQD) website and all members of the public are encouraged to give their input during the open public comment period from December 16, 2014 to January 30, 2015. DHS may receive public comments via email, mail, or fax.
- DHS will host a public forum on January 14, 2015 at the Queen’s Conference Center from 10 am to 12 noon for people to hear about the plan, ask questions, and provide input.
- Questions will be answered and become part of a Frequently Asked Questions document that will be posted on the DHS website and updated regularly.
- After the public comment period, DHS will compile everyone’s feedback and the My Choice My Way workgroup will consider all the comments and make any revisions to the plan that may be needed. This will be completed prior to submitting it to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no later than March 17, 2015.

If I’m a participant/consumer, what can I expect for next steps?

Waiver participants/consumers have the day-to-day experience we need to hear about to understand where things are going well for supporting you to live fully-included lives in your communities, as well as where things could be better. Your input is very important.

- The My Choice My Way workgroup will be designing a survey for participants/consumers to tell us about their experiences with being able to access and participate in their communities. The survey will be available to complete either by mail, electronically, or with a support person, like a case manager or someone you choose to help you. The survey will be available for participants/consumers by the beginning of February 2015.
- DHS will randomly choose participants/consumer to participate in the survey.
- You can choose to do the survey or not and your answers will be kept confidential.
- Participant/consumer surveys should be completed and submitted to DHS by the end of April 2015.

If I’m a provider, what can I expect for next steps?

Providers will have a key role in transition activities. In order to know where we need to go, each provider will need to look at how they currently do things compared to what the new rule will require.

- The My Choice My Way workgroup will be designing a survey for providers to do a self-assessment of their settings. The survey will be available to complete either on-line or downloading a document to fill out and return. We hope to have that survey ready for providers by the beginning of February 2015.
- All providers will be asked to participate in the self-survey, with all completed and returned/submitted to DHS by the end of April 2015.

For More Information

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html

HCBS Advocacy
http://hcbsadvocacy.org