



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN AND DRAFT CBAS TRANSITION PLAN

WHAT	The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Department of Aging (CDA) Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Branch are requesting public comments on California's <i>Statewide Transition Plan (STP)</i> and the <i>Draft CBAS Transition Plan</i> prior to DHCS submitting these documents to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for final approval. The <i>Draft CBAS Transition Plan</i> is "Attachment 1" of California's <i>STP</i> . Both documents and detailed public comment instructions are available on the DHCS HCBS Statewide Transition Plan webpage.
WHY	To ensure that CBAS centers comply with the federal Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Requirements and address the needs of CBAS participants.
WHO	Anyone interested in the CBAS Program including CBAS providers, CBAS participants and their families/authorized representatives, managed care plans, and other interested stakeholders.
WHEN	The 30-Day Public Comment Period is Saturday, June 19, 2021, through Monday, July 19, 2021.
HOW	Online: Department of Health Care Services HCBS STP Public Comment Form Note: To submit comments online for the <i>Draft CBAS Transition Plan</i> , go to Question 6 then scroll to bottom of options and click on "Attachment 1 – CBAS Transition Plan". US Mail: Department of Health Care Services, Integrated Systems of Care Division, 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4502, Sacramento, CA 95899

PLEASE CONTACT THE CBAS BRANCH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE.

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HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED (HCB) SETTINGS REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING COMMUNITY-BASED ADULT SERVICES (CBAS)

The California Department of Aging (CDA) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) want you to know about the federal Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Requirements that affect CBAS providers and participants. The following are examples of these requirements:

All CBAS Centers must meet CBAS participants' needs in the following ways:

- Protect participants' privacy and treat participants with dignity and respect.
- Support participants' right to make choices about the programs they attend, the services they receive, and who provides them.
- Support participants having full access to and staying connected with the community in which they live.
- Enable participants (and whomever else they choose) to participate in planning the CBAS services they receive at the center to meet their expressed needs and preferences.
- Enable participants to access all public areas of the center including bathrooms, activity rooms, tables, chairs.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all states to develop Statewide Transition Plans (STP) to explain how they will bring their home and community-based programs and services that receive Medi-Cal/Medicaid funding into compliance with these federal requirements by March 17, 2023, and on an ongoing basis thereafter. This includes CBAS programs.

For more information about the federal HCB Settings Requirements refer to the following resource:

<u>CMS Fact Sheet on the Key Provisions of the Federal Home and Community-Based</u> Services (HCBS) Settings Final Rule

https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2019-12/hcbs-setting-fact-sheet.pdf