

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

NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC FORUM

The State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services and Department of Health (the State) published a public notice on December 16, 2014 to notify the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed 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 are 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 appropriately 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 has revised the initial transition plan submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These changes incorporate the heightened scrutiny process as part of the transition plan and as result of these changes, the State hereby notifies the public of the opportunity to comment on these revisions.

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

Date: January 14, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – For individuals receiving services in the Waiver
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – For providers and stakeholders

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

For individuals who wish to participate by video teleconference (VTC), sites 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 *revised* 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan. In lieu of joining the public forum in person or by VTC, written comments can be mailed to:

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

Written comments will be accepted for consideration from the date when this notice is published through **March 1, 2016**.

The 1915(c) HCBS Waiver transition plan is available online at: <http://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 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.

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Med-QUEST Division
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 506A
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office - Oahu Section
801 Dillingham Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Department of Health
Developmental Disabilities Division
1250 Punchbowl Street, Room 463
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (586-5842)

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office – West Hawaii Section
75-5591 Palani Road, Suite 3004
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (327-4970)

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office – Kauai Section
4473 Pahee Street, Suite A
Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (241-3575)

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office – East Hawaii Section
1404 Kilauea Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (933-0339)

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office – Maui Section
210 Imi Kala Street, Suite 101
Wailuku, Hawaii 96739 (243-5780)

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office – Molokai Unit
65 Makaena Place, Room 110
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 (553-1758)

Department of Human Services
Eligibility Office – Lanai Unit
730 Lanai Avenue
Lanai City, Hawaii 96793 (565-7102)

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.

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