



Home and Community Based Services Program Transition Frequently Asked Questions

What are Home and Community Based Services Waiver Programs?

These programs provide in-home care services for Medicaid beneficiaries with disabilities or other health issues. Individuals in these programs have chosen to receive services in their own homes and/or communities rather than in a nursing home.

What is the Home and Community Based Services Program Transition?

The federal government has issued a new set of rules for the delivery of home and community based services through Medicaid programs. Michigan will be transitioning how services are provided to individuals in these programs to align with the new federal rules.

What is the purpose of the Home and Community Based Services Program Transition?

The goal of the new rules is to ensure that persons receiving services through these programs are a part of the community in which they reside and that they have access to the same conveniences as people who are not in these programs.

How will the Home and Community Based Services Program Transition affect me?

For individuals, these new rules seek to improve the quality of home and community-based services and increase the use of person-centered planning in these programs.

For service providers, the rules set new standards that services and settings must meet to be eligible for reimbursement. The rules establish an outcome-oriented definition of home and community-based settings that will enhance the experience and rights of individuals who are receiving services.

How is Michigan responding to the Home and Community Based Services Program Transition?

The Michigan Department of Community Health will be writing a transition plan to bring its programs into compliance with the new rules. Once the proposed transition plan has been drafted, it will be released for public feedback.

Where can I find out more about Michigan's transition?

Information about the project is posted on the Michigan Department of Community Health website at www.michigan.gov/mdch. Click on the "Health Care Coverage" tab on the left-hand side of the main page, and then click on the "Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition" link in the center of the second page.

How can I contact the Michigan Department of Community Health to receive more information?

For more information or if you have additional questions, please email HCBSTransition@michigan.gov.