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Subject: Innovations Waiver Provider Self-Assessment Process

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify requirements for the self-assessment process for Innovations waiver providers.

The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule was effective 3/17/2014 and outlined criteria that must be met for settings to have home and community characteristics under a 1915(c) waiver. Services that the HCBS rule impacts under the Innovations waiver are Residential Supports, Day Supports and Supported Employment.

Part of the determination of the setting meeting HCBS characteristics is a provider self-assessment. The self-assessment must be completed between 7/15/15 and 9/15/15. Providers who fail to submit a self-assessment by 9/15/2015 will be required to submit a plan for transitioning Innovations waiver beneficiaries to other providers by 9/30/15, as it will be assumed that they are unwilling or unable to meet the HCBS rule.

Supported Employment providers must submit an assessment for their corporate site and up to 10 assessments or 10% for individual sites - whichever is larger per LME-MCO. Sites are locations where the individual is competitively employed. This means that a provider who is providing Supported Employment at 23 different sites would complete 11 self-assessments (one for their corporate site and 10 assessments for individual sites). Additional information on HCBS can be found at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/hcbs/>.

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