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Subject: (b)(3) Provider Self-Assessment Process for HCBS Final Rule

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify which providers must submit online self-assessments per the Home and Community Based Services Final Rule.

The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule effective 3/17/2014 outlined criteria for settings to have home and community characteristics. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has indicated that (b)(3) services that are HCBS services also must comply with this rule.

Part of the determination of meeting HCBS requirements is a provider self-assessment. Providers of (b)(3) NC Innovations Waiver Services (Residential, Supported Employment and Day Supports) and providers of (b)(3) Supported Employment must complete an online self-assessment. The (b)(3) services submission deadline is October 15, 2015.

Providers who do not submit a self-assessment by October 15, 2015 will be required to submit a plan to transition their Medicaid beneficiaries to other providers by October 31, 2015, and it will be assumed that they are unwilling or unable to meet the HCBS rule.

Providers of (b)(3) services who have already submitted a self-assessment for those services will not be required to complete a new assessment. This information can be added during the review process.

The online self-assessment is at <http://www2.ncdhhs.gov/hcbs/assessment.html>. Additional information on HCBS is at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/hcbs/>.

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