

CMS Response:

Site-Specific Assessment & Validation Activities

- Please confirm in the STP that the three identified methods the state will use to validate HCBS compliance will validate that all settings are in compliance with all aspects of the settings criteria. (page 45)
 - State Response: Added to page 44 (last paragraph)
- Using the multi-pronged approach to validation, please clarify in the STP that every setting is subject to at least one of the described independent validation methods. (pages 44-47)
 - State Response: Added to page 44 (last paragraph)
- Please clarify in the STP if the state has completed an assessment of all settings.
 - State Response: Timeline added to page 44 (last paragraph)
- Please clarify in the STP if the state validated the accuracy of the self-assessments. The state is not required to complete remediation but have a plan for remediation in order to obtain final approval; confirming that the initial assessments of all settings are accurate would demonstrate validation for purposes of seeking final approval of the STP.
 - State Response: Noted within the same paragraph on page 44 (last paragraph)
- Please indicate the approximate number of settings that still require validation, if any and the date validation will be complete. *Please note that the STP will need to go out for public comment again once the validation and categorization of all settings has been completed.*
 - State Response: The STP will be posted upon the completion of the validation process in 2020.
 - Validation began January 1, 2019 and ends March 31, 2020; However, the site validation component begins April 1, 2019 and ends March 31, 2020; therefore no sites have been validated. All sites will be validated by March 31, 2020. The timeline has been added to the STP pg. 44.