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Dearest Advocates:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued regulations that define the settings in which it is permissible for states to pay for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), otherwise known as waiver services. The purpose of these new regulations is to ensure that individuals receive Medicaid HCBS in settings that are integrated and that support full access to the greater community.

This is our time as providers, families and members with the waiver to comment on the proposed transition plans for each of the waivers that will be submitted to CMS for approval. Currently this includes the NOW/COMP/ICWP waivers in Georgia.

Globally, there needs to be more family and member input into the entire process since this impacts every family directly in the future on which services and how they will be implemented under home and community based waivers in Georgia.

Open public comment will be held on August 27, 2014, 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room for the Independent Care Waiver (ICWP), New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Support Waiver (COMP).

If you can't attend the open comment meeting, please submit your comments in written to the link at the bottom of the page.

<http://dch.georgia.gov/waivers>

Please take the time to get involved and submit comments that impact the home and community based waivers in Georgia.

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