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## Federal Rules Regarding Services Public Information Session

The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued regulations that define the settings in which it is allowed for states to pay for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) such as the Community Pathways Waiver. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that individuals receive Medicaid HCBS in settings that are integrated in and support full access to the greater community. This includes opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive and integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree as individuals who do not receive services from a Medicaid waiver.

The regulations also aim to ensure that individuals have a free choice of where they live and who provides services to them, as well as ensuring that individual rights are not restricted. While Medicaid HCBS has never been allowed in institutional settings, these new regulations clarify that HCBS will not be allowed in places that people with disabilities are segregated from their communities.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is tasked with submitting a statewide transition plan to meet the criteria set forth in the regulations. DHMH wants you to be aware of the regulations and its components. Most importantly, DHMH wants to hear from you – your thoughts, concerns and suggestions – regarding these changes or others you might suggest to ensure that the transition plan reflects and furthers your priorities, and those of the administration's.

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10/6/2014	Southern	Bowie Comfort Inn 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716	<a href="#">3:00-4:00 PM</a>	Open to all
			<a href="#">7:00-8:00 PM</a>	
10/7/2014	Western	Clarion Hotel 901 Dual Hwy, Hagerstown, MD 21740	<a href="#">3:00-4:00 PM</a>	Open to all
			<a href="#">7:00-8:00 PM</a>	
10/14/2014	Eastern	Holiday Inn Express 2715 Ocean Gateway, Cambridge, MD 21613	<a href="#">3:00-4:00 PM</a>	Open to all
			<a href="#">7:00-8:00 PM</a>	
10/15/2014	Central	The Meeting House, Room 100 Oakland Mills Interfaith Center 5885 Robert Oliver Place Columbia, MD 21045	<a href="#">3:00-4:00 PM</a>	Open to all
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