



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
**DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES**

**DDS TRANSMITTAL #19-13**

**TO:** All Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Residential and Day Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers

**FROM:** Erin Leveton, Deputy Director  
Quality Assurance and Performance Management Administration

**DATE:** July 19, 2019

**RE:** Demonstrating Compliance with the HCBS Settings Rule

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I am writing this transmittal as the District of Columbia prepares our final data update to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on the DC Statewide Transition Plan (STP) for HCBS Settings, due on September 30, 2019. Working to achieve this milestone has required significant systems and provider transformation and sets the course for the District to provide services that support people to live fully inclusive lives in their communities. Thank you!

Over the next two months, DDS will be finalizing our 100% review of residential settings (we have already completed the review of day and employment settings); working with you to ensure remediation on all individual issues; and looking at the trends to determine which requirements of the HCBS Settings Rule providers had more difficulty meeting. If we identify a trend – even if all individual issues are resolved – we may enter provider issues to ask you for a corrective action plan that describes: (1) your process for complying with the particular requirement in the Rule; and (2) how your quality system monitors to ensure that you are in compliance for each person you support. This will help DC demonstrate to CMS that even where DDS identified areas of non-compliance, our quality management system effectively remediates those issues.

Dianne Jackson and Tasha Klussman, Supervisory Quality Resource Specialist (QRS) will be leading efforts with your assigned QRS to follow-up on these items. It will be very helpful if you check your dashboard for any HCBS Settings Rule related issues and resolve those as quickly as you can. Thank you for your cooperation.

DDS will post our 2019 STP Data Update on our website at: <https://dds.dc.gov/page/waiver-amendment-information>. We will also share the data at a variety of meetings, including at Provider Leadership and with our Quality Improvement Committee.