

Vermont Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS)

Overview

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Topics for Today

- ∞ Purpose
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- ∞ Critical Elements
- ∞ Implementation
- ∞ Public Engagement Process
- ∞ Discussion, Questions, and Feedback

Purpose

- ∞ The Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS) is intended to serve as a blueprint or road map for Vermont and its contracted Medicaid health plan in assessing the quality of care that beneficiaries receive, as well as for setting forth measurable goals and targets for improvement.
- ∞ As approved by CMS, the CQS will be the vehicle for Vermont's compliance with the HCBS regulations-comparable to 'transition plans' in other states.

Transition Plan vs. Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS)

Includes an assessment of the extent to which State regulations, standards, policies, licensing requirements, and other provider requirements ensure settings that comport with the requirements for home and community-based settings

Details the use of site-specific assessments to determine compliance with the new setting requirements (if necessary).

Describes remedial actions the state proposes to assure full and on-going compliance with the HCBS settings requirements, with specific timeframes for identified actions and deliverables.

Describes an oversight and monitoring process to ensure continuous compliance with the new setting requirements

Subject to public notice requirements

TRANSITION PLAN	CQS
✓	✓
✓	✓
✓	✓
✓	✓
✓	✓
✓	✓

Content

∞ Medicaid Managed Care Regulations

∞ New HCBS Regulations

- Setting Requirements
- Person Centered Planning (conflict free case management)

∞ Other MLTSS Requirements

- Comprehensive and Integrated Service packages
- Qualifications of Providers
- Participant Protections

Critical Elements

☞ Compliance with State & Federal Standards

- Corrective Action Plans
- External Quality Review

☞ Performance Measures

- Population Specific

☞ Performance Improvement Projects

- Population Specific

Implementation

- ∞ Phased Approach
- ∞ Start by meeting CMS obligation for Choices for Care
- ∞ Engage stakeholders in conversations about the Vermont rules and policies that govern other Global Commitment programs to discuss where person-centered planning and home and community based standards should also be reviewed and monitored.

Phased Approach

- ∞ Ensure that new oversight processes does not create unnecessary increased administrative burden or redirect resources from funds available to provide direct care services to enrollees;
- ∞ Ensure that clients are in settings of their own choosing regardless of their type
- ∞ Minimize any potential disruption in care
- ∞ Use lessons learned in early phases of quality assurance to inform future activities

Phased Approach

- ☞ Phase 1: Initiation
 - Begins with the development of the CQS
- ☞ Phase 2: CFC Implementation & Additional Discussion
 - Begins with the approval of the CQS and continues through Year 3
- ☞ Phase 3: Additional Implementation
 - Begins in Year 2
- ☞ Phase 4: Maintenance
 - Begins in Year 4

Phased Approach to Implementation

GC Specialized Program Self-Assessment and Quality Phases

	Choices for Care	Developmental Disability Services	Traumatic Brain Injury	Community Rehabilitation and Treatment	Mental Illness Under 22
Quality Strategy Phase					
Phase 1	✓				
Phase 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Phase 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phase 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Public Engagement Process

☞ Pre-Public Hearing

- MEAB, DAIL Advisory Board, and DDS State Program Standing Committee

☞ Public Hearing

- August 20, 2015; 12pm-2pm, 208 Hurricane Ln, Williston, Vt

☞ Post-Public Hearing

- DVHA and Departments to develop plan with AHS input

Discussion, Questions, and Feedback

☞ All material is posted here:

<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/draft-versions-of-state-plan-changes>.

☞ Please send written questions here:

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