

## Public Notice

The Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) gives notice that the DRAFT Global Commitment to Health (GC) waiver Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS), required by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning on 08/01/2015 and ending on 08/31/2015. The Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS) is intended to serve as a blueprint or road map for Vermont and its contracted Medicaid managed care entity in assessing the quality of care that beneficiaries receive, as well as for setting forth measurable goals and targets for improvement. In addition to addressing the original GC populations and including Medicaid managed care requirements, the CQS also includes using Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) as a strategy for expanding home- and community-based services, as well integrating the new HCBS rules published by CMS in March 2014. The new HCBS rules require states to identify their strategies for compliance with the new regulations. Rather than developing a transition plan like other states – Vermont has opted to have the CQS demonstrate the steps required to come into full compliance with the final rule by March 17, 2019 and should suffice as the Statewide Transition Plan. Please see complete draft of the CG to Health Waiver CQS on the DVHA website at <http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/draft-versions-of-state-plan-changes>. Persons who are unable to access the Internet may request a hard copy of the DRAFT CQS by calling AHS at (802) 871- 3008.

### Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing in which the public is invited to comment on the GC to Health Waiver CQS. The Public Hearing is scheduled for:

*August 20, 2015  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Secretary's Conference Room  
208 Hurricane Lane, Williston, Vermont*

*Public may call 877-273-4202; conference room 1262904 for teleconference*

### Verbal and Written Feedback

Comments may be submitted to [Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov](mailto:Shawn.Skaflestad@vermont.gov). At the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to provide both verbal and written comment. A request is made that comments be submitted in written form, as well as voiced, in order to guarantee that they are recorded correctly. Persons who are unable to attend a Public Hearing or submit comments using the Internet, may phone in their comments by calling AHS at (802) 871-3008 or mail written feedback to:

*Shawn Skaflestad  
208 Hurricane Lane  
Williston, Vermont 05495*

All comments will be summarized and included with the Comprehensive Quality Strategy as part of the state's submission to CMS.