

# HCBS Settings

## Focus Group Invitation

DOH Cannon Building | 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
288 N 1460 W Salt Lake City, UT 84114

On March 17, 2014 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented new federal HCBS regulations that provided clarification concerning the required characteristics of service settings. The final rule establishes an outcome-oriented definition of HCBS settings that focuses on the nature and quality of individuals' experiences. The rule reflects CMS' intent to ensure individuals receiving services and supports through Medicaid HCBS programs have full access to the benefits of community living and receive services in the most integrated setting possible. Information on the final rule can be found at <http://health.utah.gov/ltc/hcbstransition/>.

In accordance with the regulations, Utah Medicaid created an HCBS Setting Transition Plan. All providers must be compliant with the Federal HCBS Settings Rule. As part of the plan, the State will assist providers through the compliance process. One way the State will be assisting is by hosting targeted focus group meetings. These meetings will facilitate stakeholder collaboration to identify creative ways to become compliant with the rule.

We invite you to participate in the following focus group meeting(s) that affect the service settings in which you have an interest. Please distribute this letter to other stakeholders who might also like to attend.

## THE AGENDA

**June 5th**

*Room 129*

**Adult Day Care (non-residential)**

**June 19th**

*Room 129*

***New Choices Waiver (residential)***

**June 26th**

*Room 125*

**Day Support (non-residential)**

**July 3rd**

*Room 125*

**Employment (non-residential)**

**July 10th**

*Room 125*

**DSPD (residential)**