

To: Children's HCBS 1915c Waiver Providers

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is required to comply with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule. Attached to this email is a letter to all Children's Waiver designated HCBS providers outlining the Final Rule and the various steps that may have to be taken to assure CMS that NYS Children's Waiver and HCBS providers are in compliance with the Final Rule.

To ensure Children's Waiver HCBS providers are compliant with the Final Rule, NYSDOH is requesting all designated Children's Waiver HCBS providers complete and submit a self-assessment survey no later than end of day December 31, 2020. If your agency is designated for HCBS in different sites, then a separate survey must be completed for each site. This survey can be accessed via Survey Monkey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W6HHSKM>

This self-assessment survey is an essential step for assessing compliance with the settings component of the Final Rule. Depending on the responses to the survey questions below, NYSDOH may request further information and/or work with providers to remediate deficiencies to come into compliance with the HCBS Final Rule. Please provide a response to all questions. Responses to these questions will be included as part of an evidentiary packet for your site that may be presented to CMS and posted for public comment. By completing this survey, you are attesting that the answers you have provided are factual, accurate, and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Additionally, the Monthly HCBS Provider/State Meeting on December 16th will feature a webinar presentation on the Final Rule, process, and next steps. Providers are strongly encouraged to attend this webinar and can register for attendance via <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6275636749148510736>.

Questions regarding this survey and/or the HCBS Final Rule can be sent to BH.transition@health.ny.gov