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This Month's Spotlight

Goal of Care and Back-up Plan:

Working with the participant to develop a Goal of Care and a Back-up Plan are important parts of the (re)assessment process, and are waiver measures audited by CMS.

Goal development allows the participant and the assessor, to be more mindful of the larger impact that receiving HCBS could have on the participant's safety and well-being. While the back-up plan helps the participant identify persons who could provide needed assistance during periods when HCBS is not available, thus ensuring the participant's continued safety and well-being.

To ensure DSDS is in compliance with CMS guidelines, new guidance was developed and posted to the [Provider Reassessment Information](#) webpage to help define what is needed for Section A and Section S of the assessment. Refer to the Quick Guides (2) linked below for complete guidance.

Request for Remediation Extensions:

The due date for a remediation can only be extended in extenuating circumstances. The PRR team must have all new care plans authorized for each participant by the last business day of the month. To prevent care plans from expiring, remediation extensions cannot be given towards the end of the month or into the next month.

Memos

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- HCBS 01-23-01: Medicaid Income Information Update
- HCBS 01-23-02: Facility Discharge Referrals and HCBS Online Referral Form
- HCBS 01-23-03: Updates to Policy 3.50 Respite Care – Aged and Disabled Waiver (ADW)
- HCBS 01-23-04: Notice of Closure Form Updates
- INFO 01-23-01: Provider Reassessors - Cyber Access/Web Tool Training Modules
- INFO 01-23-02: Guidance for Case Management and Financial Management Services - ILW

Quick Guide Updates

Goals Quick Guide – InterRAI Section A:

A goal should include 2 parts:

- Reason the participant wants to receive/continue to receive HCBS and
- How/why the services will help them.

Back-up Plan Quick Guide – InterRAI Section S:

Back-up plans should include information about what type(s) of assistance those listed as an emergency contact could provide if needed.

- Reorganization of the Resources and Quick Guide Tab
- DMH Quick Guide