Easy Read Edition

This Rule Rules!: The HCBS Settings Rule and You

Part 1: Introduction
1. Introduction

This toolkit is about Medicaid’s Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule.

This toolkit will call it the “HCBS Rule” or “the Rule” for short.

This toolkit will help answer these questions:

- What is community living?
- What is an institution?
• How do institutions hurt people with disabilities?

• What are home and community-based services (HCBS)?

• How does the government pay for HCBS?

• What does the HCBS Rule say?
• How was the HCBS Rule made?

• What rights does the HCBS Rule give me?

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• What rules do HCBS providers have to follow?

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• What rules do states have to follow?
• Can my rights get taken away under the HCBS Rule?

• When do I get my rights from the HCBS Rule?

• What can I do if someone tries to take away my rights?

• What can I do to fight for our rights from the HCBS Rule?
Words to Know
community living

Living in the same places as people without disabilities.

home and community-based services (HCBS)

When people get LTSS in their community.

HCBS Rule

A rule that CMS made. It helps disabled people get the services we want in our communities. It makes sure institutions can’t get HCBS money.
institutions

Places where a lot of people with disabilities live. People living in institutions usually did not decide to live there. They were usually put there by someone else.

Medicaid

A program the government made to help people with disabilities. Medicaid gives people health care.
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