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Dear Service Provider,

As you may be aware, all providers of Home and Community Based Services, are subject to changes in federal regulations (known as the CMS Final Rule), and will be assessed for compliance by DDS later this year. ACRC wants to support all providers in achieving compliance with the required elements of the regulation, so that providers may continue to qualify for Regional Center funding.

All providers who were vendored/contracted *after* the adoption of the CMS Final Rule on March 17, 2014 are expected to currently be in compliance with the requirements. Providers vendored/contracted *prior* to the adoption of the CMS Final Rule on March 17, 2014 have been granted an extension until March 17, 2022 to make any necessary changes for achieving compliance with the requirements. If any provider is assessed not to be in compliance by the deadline, clients receiving services may be relocated.

To assist providers with the transition, ACRC has compiled several informational documents for review. These include:

- CMS Final Rule Language (Copied from Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR § 441.301)
- DDS Final Rule Informational Piece
- ACRC Final Rule Handout for Clients
- DDS Provider Self-Assessment Survey (Draft/Pilot version)
- FAQ (Developed by ACRC)
- CMS Guidance on Heightened Scrutiny
- Exploratory Questions for Residential Providers (Medicaid.gov tool)

In addition, vendor forums and trainings are offered at ACRC on a regular basis. Providers are encouraged to visit the ACRC website regularly to keep apprised of upcoming opportunities.

Thank you,

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