Application for a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

PURPOSE OF THE HCBS WAIVER PROGRAM

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program is authorized in §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The program permits a State to furnish an array of home and community-based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. The State has broad discretion to design its waiver program to address the needs of the waiver’s target population. Waiver services complement and/or supplement the services that are available to participants through the Medicaid State plan and other federal, state and local public programs as well as the supports that families and communities provide.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes that the design and operational features of a waiver program will vary depending on the specific needs of the target population, the resources available to the State, service delivery system structure, State goals and objectives, and other factors. A State has the latitude to design a waiver program that is cost-effective and employs a variety of service delivery approaches, including participant direction of services.

Request for an Amendment to a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Request Information

   A. The State of South Dakota requests approval for an amendment to the following Medicaid home and community-based services waiver approved under authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

   B. Program Title:
      Home and Community-Based Options and Person Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver

   C. Waiver Number: SD.0189
      Original Base Waiver Number: SD.0189.

   D. Amendment Number:

   E. Proposed Effective Date: (mm/dd/yy)
      07/01/17

   Approved Effective Date of Waiver being Amended: 10/01/16

2. Purpose(s) of Amendment

   Purpose(s) of the Amendment. Describe the purpose(s) of the amendment:

   The transition of the Division of Adult Services and Aging (ASA) from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the Department of Human Services (DHS) resulted in the creation of a Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) within the Department of Human Services. As a result, the Home and Community-Based Services (ASA) Waiver for South Dakotans is being amended to update language of the operating agency from DSS-ASA to DHS-LTSS with an anticipated effective date of July 1, 2017. The Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) is a separate agency of the State that is not a division of the Medicaid Agency. In accordance with 42 CFR §431.10, the Medicaid Agency will continue to exercise administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the Waiver and issue policies, rules and regulations related to the Waiver. The name of this Waiver will also transition from the Home and Community-Based Services (ASA) Waiver for South Dakotans to the Home and Community-Based Options and Person Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver. This transition will be seamless for consumers receiving services through the HOPE Waiver.

   In addition, documents required to make a level of care determination will be updated. Currently, all level of care determinations, both initial and re-determinations require both a Community Health Assessment (CHA) as well as a Physician's Order. This Waiver is being amended to eliminate the requirement for a Physician's Order. The level of care determinations will be made utilizing information within the CHA.

   In the current Waiver, critical incidents requiring follow up by the LTSS Specialist include abuse, neglect, exploitation, serious injury, missing person, and death. Restraint and seclusion have been added as specific incident categories that must...
be reported to the LTSS Specialist and require follow up by the LTSS Specialist. Restraint is defined in this Waiver as a specific intervention or device that prevents an individual from moving freely or restricts normal access to the individual’s own body. Typically, if the individual can easily remove the device, it does not qualify as a restraint. Seclusion is defined in this Waiver as the involuntary confinement of an individual in a room or area from which the individual is physically prevented from leaving.

Finally, the following performance measures have been included in this Waiver Amendment as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):

1. The number and percent of new applicants enrolled by the operating agency according to 67:44:03.
2. The number and percent of waiver participants that are maintained within approved waiver limits by operating agency.
3. The number and percent of waiver expenditures that are maintained within approved waiver limits by operating agency.
4. The number and percent of service plans exceeding the cost of nursing facility care that were approved according to the exceptions process.
5. The number and percent of consumers who are offered choice of waiver providers.
6. The number and percent of waiver claims in a representative sample paid using the correct rate methodology as specified in the approved waiver application.

3. Nature of the Amendment

A. Component(s) of the Approved Waiver Affected by the Amendment. This amendment affects the following component(s) of the approved waiver. Revisions to the affected subsection(s) of these component(s) are being submitted concurrently (check each that applies):

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B. Nature of the Amendment. Indicate the nature of the changes to the waiver that are proposed in the amendment (check each that applies):

- Modify target group(s)
- Modify Medicaid eligibility
- Add/delete services
- Revise service specifications
- Revise provider qualifications
- Increase/decrease number of participants
- Revise cost neutrality demonstration
- Add participant-direction of services
- Other
  
  Specify:
  Modify Operating Agency

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04/25/2017
1. Request Information (1 of 3)

A. The State of South Dakota requests approval for a Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

B. Program Title (optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder):
Home and Community-Based Options and Person Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver

C. Type of Request: amendment

Requested Approval Period: (For new waivers requesting five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)

- 3 years
- 5 years

Original Base Waiver Number: SD.0189
Draft ID: SD.010.06.01

D. Type of Waiver (select only one):

- Regular Waiver

E. Proposed Effective Date of Waiver being Amended: 10/01/16
Approved Effective Date of Waiver being Amended: 10/01/16

1. Request Information (2 of 3)

F. Level(s) of Care. This waiver is requested in order to provide home and community-based waiver services to individuals who, but for the provision of such services, would require the following level(s) of care, the costs of which would be reimbursed under the approved Medicaid State plan (check each that applies):

- Hospital
  - Select applicable level of care
    - Hospital as defined in 42 CFR §440.10
      - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the hospital level of care:

- Inpatient psychiatric facility for individuals age 21 and under as provided in 42 CFR §440.160

- Nursing Facility
  - Select applicable level of care
    - Nursing Facility as defined in 42 CFR §440.155
      - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the nursing facility level of care:

- Institution for Mental Disease for persons with mental illnesses aged 65 and older as provided in 42 CFR §440.140

- Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) (as defined in 42 CFR §440.150)
  - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the ICF/IID level of care:

1. Request Information (3 of 3)

G. Concurrent Operation with Other Programs. This waiver operates concurrently with another program (or programs) approved under the following authorities

- Not applicable

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Applicable
Check the applicable authority or authorities:

☐ Services furnished under the provisions of §1915(a)(1)(a) of the Act and described in Appendix I

☐ Waiver(s) authorized under §1915(b) of the Act.

Specify the §1915(b) waiver program and indicate whether a §1915(b) waiver application has been submitted or previously approved:

Specify the §1915(b) authorities under which this program operates (check each that applies):

☐ §1915(b)(1) (mandated enrollment to managed care)

☐ §1915(b)(2) (central broker)

☐ §1915(b)(3) (employ cost savings to furnish additional services)

☐ §1915(b)(4) (selective contracting/limit number of providers)

☐ A program operated under §1932(a) of the Act.

Specify the nature of the State Plan benefit and indicate whether the State Plan Amendment has been submitted or previously approved:

☐ A program authorized under §1915(i) of the Act.

☐ A program authorized under §1915(j) of the Act.

☐ A program authorized under §1115 of the Act.

Specify the program:

H. Dual Eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare.

Check if applicable:

☒ This waiver provides services for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

2. Brief Waiver Description

Brief Waiver Description. In one page or less, briefly describe the purpose of the waiver, including its goals, objectives, organizational structure (e.g., the roles of state, local and other entities), and service delivery methods.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) within the Department of Human Services, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Social Services, operates the HOPE Waiver. The Administrative authority remains with the Department of Social Services, the State Medicaid Agency. The Department of Social Services and the Department of Human Services jointly develop policies and procedures and Administrative Rules.

The primary goal of the HOPE Waiver is to provide services to adults, age 65 and older and adults with a qualifying disability over the age of 18 in their homes or the least restrictive community environment available to them. The goal of the HOPE Waiver is to reduce unnecessary nursing facility care by providing individuals with community-based services to remain at home or in their communities as long as they remain safe and/or choose to live there. The Division of Long Term Services and Supports through the provision of Home and Community-Based Services strives to: 1) Ensure access to services for consumers; 2) Protect consumers from abuse, neglect and exploitation; 3) Foster partnerships to leverage resources for consumers; 4) Improve outcomes through continuous quality improvement; and 5) Continue to ensure access to Home and Community-Based Services to enable older adults and adults with disabilities, including those from diverse communities, to have access to quality services in order to remain in their own homes and communities.

Consumers access home and community-based waiver services by contacting the Division of Long Term Services and Supports which employs Specialists (63 FTE), in 24 LTSS offices located throughout the state. In South Dakota, the Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) functions as the ‘front door’ to access long term services and supports. Five of the LTSS offices, are regional ADRC Call Centers with separate 1-800 toll free telephone numbers and designated counties allowing statewide coverage. The ADRC Call Centers are marketed to the general public as the single point of entry to access the long-term services and supports system in South Dakota. The 24 LTSS offices also function as a ‘No
Wrong Door’ connecting individuals to Home and Community-Based Services.

LTSS Specialists perform intake and referral, options planning, assessment, and person centered care planning in addition to case management and follow-up. LTSS Specialists determine functional eligibility for the Medicaid State Plan and Home and Community-Based Services Waiver and are co-located in offices with Division of Economic Assistance staff who determine financial eligibility and track individual eligibility status throughout the eligibility determination process. If the individual applicant is deemed eligible, the LTSS Specialist after exploring all available resources, including natural supports, assists the individual to access waiver services through a person centered planning process.

The HOPE Waiver provides a wide range of services with the goal of meeting the individual needs of each waiver consumer, realizing that needs vary greatly across the spectrum of health issues and disabilities the waiver participants face. Waiver services include: Adult Day Services, Chore, Homemaker, Personal Care, Respite Care, Specialized Medical Equipment, Specialized Medical Supplies, Adult Companion Services, Assisted Living, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, In-Home Nursing Services, Meals, Nutritional Supplements, Emergency Response System (ERS). Waiver services are provided by community-based agencies and facilities that have successfully enrolled as Medicaid providers and met all qualification requirements.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports ensures the providers authorized to provide services are qualified and that financial integrity is maintained. LTSS conducts all continuous quality improvement activities, including data collection, aggregation, analysis, trend identification, and design changes and implementation.

3. Components of the Waiver Request

The waiver application consists of the following components. Note: Item 3-E must be completed.

A. Waiver Administration and Operation. Appendix A specifies the administrative and operational structure of this waiver.

B. Participant Access and Eligibility. Appendix B specifies the target group(s) of individuals who are served in this waiver, the number of participants that the State expects to serve during each year that the waiver is in effect, applicable Medicaid eligibility and post-eligibility (if applicable) requirements, and procedures for the evaluation and reevaluation of level of care.

C. Participant Services. Appendix C specifies the home and community-based waiver services that are furnished through the waiver, including applicable limitations on such services.

D. Participant-Centered Service Planning and Delivery. Appendix D specifies the procedures and methods that the State uses to develop, implement and monitor the participant-centered service plan (of care).

E. Participant-Direction of Services. When the State provides for participant direction of services, Appendix E specifies the participant direction opportunities that are offered in the waiver and the supports that are available to participants who direct their services. (Select one):

- Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is required.
- No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is not required.

F. Participant Rights. Appendix F specifies how the State informs participants of their Medicaid Fair Hearing rights and other procedures to address participant grievances and complaints.

G. Participant Safeguards. Appendix G describes the safeguards that the State has established to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants in specified areas.

H. Quality Improvement Strategy. Appendix H contains the Quality Improvement Strategy for this waiver.

I. Financial Accountability. Appendix I describes the methods by which the State makes payments for waiver services, ensures the integrity of these payments, and complies with applicable federal requirements concerning payments and federal financial participation.

J. Cost-Neutrality Demonstration. Appendix J contains the State's demonstration that the waiver is cost-neutral.
4. Waiver(s) Requested

A. Comparability. The State requests a waiver of the requirements contained in §1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act in order to provide the services specified in Appendix C that are not otherwise available under the approved Medicaid State plan to individuals who: (a) require the level(s) of care specified in Item 1.F and (b) meet the target group criteria specified in Appendix B.

B. Income and Resources for the Medically Needy. Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of §1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) of the Act in order to use institutional income and resource rules for the medically needy (select one):

- Not Applicable
- No
- Yes

C. Statewideness. Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of the statewideness requirements in §1902(a)(1) of the Act (select one):

- No
- Yes

If yes, specify the waiver of statewideness that is requested (check each that applies):

- Geographic Limitation. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to furnish services under this waiver only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State.

Specify the areas to which this waiver applies and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

- Limited Implementation of Participant-Direction. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to make participant-direction of services as specified in Appendix E available only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. Participants who reside in these areas may elect to direct their services as provided by the State or receive comparable services through the service delivery methods that are in effect elsewhere in the State.

Specify the areas of the State affected by this waiver and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

5. Assurances

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.302, the State provides the following assurances to CMS:

A. Health & Welfare: The State assures that necessary safeguards have been taken to protect the health and welfare of persons receiving services under this waiver. These safeguards include:

1. As specified in Appendix C, adequate standards for all types of providers that provide services under this waiver;

2. Assurance that the standards of any State licensure or certification requirements specified in Appendix C are met for services or for individuals furnishing services that are provided under the waiver. The State assures that these requirements are met on the date that the services are furnished; and,

3. Assurance that all facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act where home and community-based waiver services are provided comply with the applicable State standards for board and care facilities as specified in Appendix C.

B. Financial Accountability. The State assures financial accountability for funds expended for home and community-based services and maintains and makes available to the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Office of the Inspector General), the Comptroller General, or other designees, appropriate financial records documenting the cost of services provided under the waiver. Methods of financial accountability are specified in Appendix I.
C. Evaluation of Need: The State assures that it provides for an initial evaluation (and periodic reevaluations, at least annually) of the need for a level of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual might need such services in the near future (one month or less) but for the receipt of home and community-based services under this waiver. The procedures for evaluation and reevaluation of level of care are specified in Appendix B.

D. Choice of Alternatives: The State assures that when an individual is determined to be likely to require the level of care specified for this waiver and is in a target group specified in Appendix B, the individual (or, legal representative, if applicable) is:
   1. Informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and,
   2. Given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based waiver services. Appendix B specifies the procedures that the State employs to ensure that individuals are informed of feasible alternatives under the waiver and given the choice of institutional or home and community-based waiver services.

E. Average Per Capita Expenditures: The State assures that, for any year that the waiver is in effect, the average per capita expenditures under the waiver will not exceed 100 percent of the average per capita expenditures that would have been made under the Medicaid State plan for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver had the waiver not been granted. Cost-neutrality is demonstrated in Appendix J.

F. Actual Total Expenditures: The State assures that the actual total expenditures for home and community-based waiver and other Medicaid services and its claim for FFP in expenditures for the services provided to individuals under the waiver will not, in any year of the waiver period, exceed 100 percent of the amount that would be incurred in the absence of the waiver by the State's Medicaid program for these individuals in the institutional setting(s) specified for this waiver.

G. Institutionalization Absent Waiver: The State assures that, absent the waiver, individuals served in the waiver would receive the appropriate type of Medicaid-funded institutional care for the level of care specified for this waiver.

H. Reporting: The State assures that annually it will provide CMS with information concerning the impact of the waiver on the type, amount and cost of services provided under the Medicaid State plan and on the health and welfare of waiver participants. This information will be consistent with a data collection plan designed by CMS.

I. Habilitation Services. The State assures that prevocational, educational, or supported employment services, or a combination of these services, if provided as habilitation services under the waiver are: (1) not otherwise available to the individual through a local educational agency under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and, (2) furnished as part of expanded habilitation services.

J. Services for Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness. The State assures that federal financial participation (FFP) will not be claimed in expenditures for waiver services including, but not limited to, day treatment or partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation services, and clinic services provided as home and community-based services to individuals with chronic mental illnesses if these individuals, in the absence of a waiver, would be placed in an IMD and are: (1) age 22 to 64; (2) age 65 and older and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR §440.140; or (3) age 21 and under and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR § 440.160.

6. Additional Requirements

Note: Item 6-I must be completed.

A. Service Plan. In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i), a participant-centered service plan (of care) is developed for each participant employing the procedures specified in Appendix D. All waiver services are furnished pursuant to the service plan. The service plan describes: (a) the waiver services that are furnished to the participant, their projected frequency and the type of provider that furnishes each service and (b) the other services (regardless of funding source, including State plan services) and informal supports that complement waiver services in meeting the needs of the participant. The service plan is subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency. Federal financial participation (FFP) is not claimed for waiver services furnished prior to the development of the service plan or for services that are not included in the service plan.
B. **Inpatients.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(ii), waiver services are not furnished to individuals who are in-patients of a hospital, nursing facility or ICF/IID.

C. **Room and Board.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2), FFP is not claimed for the cost of room and board except when: (a) provided as part of respite services in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence or (b) claimed as a portion of the rent and food that may be reasonably attributed to an unrelated caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant, as provided in Appendix I.

D. **Access to Services.** The State does not limit or restrict participant access to waiver services except as provided in Appendix C.

E. **Free Choice of Provider.** In accordance with 42 CFR §431.151, a participant may select any willing and qualified provider to furnish waiver services included in the service plan unless the State has received approval to limit the number of providers under the provisions of §1915(b) or another provision of the Act.

F. **FFP Limitation.** In accordance with 42 CFR §433 Subpart D, FFP is not claimed for services when another third-party (e.g., another third party health insurer or other federal or state program) is legally liable and responsible for the provision and payment of the service. FFP also may not be claimed for services that are available without charge, or as free care to the community. Services will not be considered to be without charge, or free care, when (1) the provider establishes a fee schedule for each service available and (2) collects insurance information from all those served (Medicaid, and non-Medicaid), and bills other legally liable third party insurers. Alternatively, if a provider certifies that a particular legally liable third party insurer does not pay for the service(s), the provider may not generate further bills for that insurer for that annual period.

G. **Fair Hearing:** The State provides the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR §431 Subpart E, to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based waiver services as an alternative to institutional level of care specified for this waiver; (b) who are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. Appendix F specifies the State's procedures to provide individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing, including providing notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.

H. **Quality Improvement.** The State operates a formal, comprehensive system to ensure that the waiver meets the assurances and other requirements contained in this application. Through an ongoing process of discovery, remediation and improvement, the State assures the health and welfare of participants by monitoring: (a) level of care determinations; (b) individual plans and services delivery; (c) provider qualifications; (d) participant health and welfare; (e) financial oversight and (f) administrative oversight of the waiver. The State further assures that all problems identified through its discovery processes are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner, consistent with the severity and nature of the problem. During the period that the waiver is in effect, the State will implement the Quality Improvement Strategy specified in Appendix H.

I. **Public Input.** Describe how the State secures public input into the development of the waiver:

The State secures stakeholder and public input through several methods. Regular community outreach allows the public and stakeholders to provide feedback on service delivery and quality improvement. LTSS staff conduct outreach throughout the state, speaking with consumers and non-consumers at community events and health fairs, community organizations, hospitals and health clinics, Senior Centers and nutrition sites, Medicare open-enrollment events and during facility visits. Feedback about service delivery regarding waiver services is forwarded to the HCBS Program Manager who assures follow-up is completed as appropriate. Waiver consumers have an annual opportunity to provide feedback through a Quality of Life survey and at any time to the LTSS Specialist. Waiver service providers directly communicate with LTSS staff. Additionally the HCBS Program Manager and Program Specialists present changes and program information at provider association meetings and conferences.

The thirty day formal public comment period was held from 4/26/2017 to 5/25/2017. The waiver amendment along with a summary of changes was made available to the public, consumers, providers, stakeholders, and LTSS staff through the DSS and DHS websites. Hard copies of the waiver amendment and corresponding summary of changes were also made available upon request through email, mail or phone. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2017. The public, consumers, providers, stakeholders, and LTSS staff could attend in person or by phone as an opportunity to ask question and/or make a comment.

Assisted Living Centers were given a waiver amendment public comment poster, summary of changes and instructions on how to comment through email, mail, phone or via the public hearing. Providers were asked to
display the poster for consumers to see. The poster included a summary of changes and information on how to
comment. The poster included the following language "View the Waiver Amendment online at
https://dss/sd/gove/keyresources/hearings or at http://dhs.sd.gov/ltss/titlexix.aspx or contact the Division of Long
Term Services an Supports at 605-773-3656 to request a copy." Public Comment posters were also distributed to 63
DSS offices across the state as well as to provider associations.

Information regarding the public comment period for this amendment was also distributed in a press release.

There is a formal process for updating and changing requirements associated with the HOPE waiver. Administrative
Rules of South Dakota must be revised to reflect significant changes in waiver design and processes, including the
addition of services. Revisions to Administrative Rules require a public hearing allowing for public
comment. LTSS policies are revised when updates to the waiver are made. Waiver related policy updates are
reviewed with the Waiver Review Committee as well as an internal LTSS Policy Workgroup regarding revisions to
policy and procedure.

J. Notice to Tribal Governments. The State assures that it has notified in writing all federally-recognized Tribal
Governments that maintain a primary office and/or majority population within the State of the State's intent to submit
a Medicaid waiver request or renewal request to CMS at least 60 days before the anticipated submission date is
provided by Presidential Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000. Evidence of the applicable notice is available
through the Medicaid Agency.

K. Limited English Proficient Persons. The State assures that it provides meaningful access to waiver services by
Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with: (a) Presidential Executive Order 13166 of August 11, 2000
(65 FR 50121) and (b) Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance
Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English
Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003). Appendix B describes how the State assures meaningful access
to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons.

7. Contact Person(s)

A. The Medicaid agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

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8. Authorizing Signature

This document, together with the attached revisions to the affected components of the waiver, constitutes the State's request to amend its approved waiver under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The State affirms that it will abide by all provisions of the waiver, including the provisions of this amendment when approved by CMS. The State further attests that it will continuously operate the waiver in accordance with the assurances specified in Section V and the additional requirements specified in Section VI of the approved waiver. The State certifies that additional proposed revisions to the waiver request will be submitted by the Medicaid agency in the form of additional waiver amendments.

Signature: 

State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date:
Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

Last Name: 

First Name: 

Title: 

Agency: 

Address: 

Address 2: 

City: 

State: South Dakota 

Zip: 

Phone: 

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Attachments 

Attachment #1: Transition Plan 
Check the box next to any of the following changes from the current approved waiver. Check all boxes that apply. 

☐ Replacing an approved waiver with this waiver. 
☐ Combining waivers. 
☐ Splitting one waiver into two waivers. 
☐ Eliminating a service. 
☐ Adding or decreasing an individual cost limit pertaining to eligibility. 
☐ Adding or decreasing limits to a service or a set of services, as specified in Appendix C. 
☐ Reducing the unduplicated count of participants (Factor C). 
☐ Adding new, or decreasing, a limitation on the number of participants served at any point in time. 
☐ Making any changes that could result in some participants losing eligibility or being transferred to another waiver under 1915(c) or another Medicaid authority. 
☐ Making any changes that could result in reduced services to participants. 

Specify the transition plan for the waiver: 

Attachment #2: Home and Community-Based Settings Waiver Transition Plan
Specify the state's process to bring this waiver into compliance with federal home and community-based (HCB) settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5), and associated CMS guidance.

Consult with CMS for instructions before completing this item. This field describes the status of a transition process at the point in time of submission. Relevant information in the planning phase will differ from information required to describe attainment of milestones.

To the extent that the state has submitted a statewide HCB settings transition plan to CMS, the description in this field may reference that statewide plan. The narrative in this field must include enough information to demonstrate that this waiver complies with federal HCB settings requirements, including the compliance and transition requirements at 42 CFR 441.301 (c)(6), and that this submission is consistent with the portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan that are germane to this waiver. Quote or summarize germane portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan as required.

Note that Appendix C-5 HCB Settings describes settings that do not require transition; the settings listed there meet federal HCB setting requirements as of the date of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.

Update this field and Appendix C-5 when submitting a renewal or amendment to this waiver for other purposes. It is not necessary for the state to amend the waiver solely for the purpose of updating this field and Appendix C-5. At the end of the state's HCB settings transition process for this waiver, when all waiver settings meet federal HCB setting requirements, enter "Completed" in this field, and include in Section C-5 the information on all HCB settings in the waiver.

South Dakota (SD) assures that the settings transition plan included in this waiver renewal will be subject to any provisions or requirements included in the State’s approved Statewide Transition Plan (STP). SD will implement any required changes upon approval of the STP and will make conforming changes to its waiver when it submits the next amendment or renewal.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CMS issued a final rule effective on March 17, 2014 requiring all states to review and evaluate Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) settings, including residential and non-residential settings that are funded through SD’s four Medicaid 1915(c) waivers. States are required to ensure all HCBS settings comply with the new federal regulations that all individuals receiving HCBS are integrated in and have full access to their communities, including opportunities to engage in community life, work in integrated environments, and control their own personal resources. The federal citation for the new rule is 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5). More information on the final rule can be found on the CMS website at: http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html The TP allows states to take incremental steps towards full compliance with the federal regulation; full compliance must be achieved by 2019. New providers must demonstrate compliance upon Medicaid enrollment.

Operation of HCBS in SD is shared between the DSS and the DHS. To ensure the TP accurately reflected all HCBS settings in SD, DSS and DHS formed a collaborative workgroup representing each of the four Medicaid waivers and the state Medicaid agency. The workgroup assessed compliance with the HCBS Settings federal regulations and drafted this TP to identify action steps and timelines for SD’s compliance with the new federal regulations.

A draft STP that applies to all of SD’s 1915(c) waivers was open for public comment for 30 days from February 2, 2015 through March 4, 2015 to allow all individuals, providers and stakeholders an opportunity to provide input to the plan. SD’s STP was initially submitted to CMS on March 12, 2015.

SD received comments from CMS regarding the initial submission of this plan on October 15, 2015. This plan has been revised to reflect the clarification and comments from CMS. CMS’s Clarification and/or Modifications required for Initial Approval Letter may be viewed online. This plan was available for public comment from February 29, 2016 to March 30, 2016. SD submitted this plan to CMS on April 6, 2016.

This plan will be open for further comment as other changes and updates are made to the TP over the course of the TP period. Upon conclusion of the TP period in 2019, the elements of this plan will be requirements of each HCBS waiver; providers will be required to be fully compliant with all elements of the federal regulation by the end of the TP period. SD will incorporate the federal regulations into regular reviews of providers.

SD anticipates the plan will be open for comment in the near future for the following:
1. Heightened Scrutiny Waiver Request: Anticipated Fall 2016

Additionally, each waiver renewal or amendment requires SD to perform public comment and submit a waiver specific TP to CMS. SD’s ASA Waiver will be renewed on the following dates:

Waiver Renewal Date: October 1, 2021
Renewal Submission Date: July 1, 2021

MEDICAID WAIVERS IN SD

SD is designated as a frontier state by the Affordable Care Act. A frontier state is a state in which at least 50 percent of the counties are frontier counties; a frontier county is a county where the population per square mile is less than 6. Frontier counties are best described as sparsely populated rural areas that are geographically isolated from population centers and services. Over half of SDns live in a county that has been classified as a rural non-metro county by the Office of Management and Budget. Of the 311 incorporated towns and cities in SD, only 27 have populations greater than 2,500
people.

SD has nine federally recognized tribes within its boundaries, which have independent, sovereign relationships with the federal government. The majority of SD’s reservations are geographically isolated in frontier locations.

SD’s frontier landscape presents unique challenges for service delivery. Rural and frontier communities face difficulties maintaining a healthcare workforce. Rural regions cannot easily compete with wages and amenities available to physicians and other professionals in more urban areas. As of July 2014, 48 of SD’s 66 counties were classified as a medically underserved area or population by the SD DOH. As a result, healthcare services are often clustered within one community in a region, which can result in long trips for individuals who need to receive services. Public transportation is usually limited or unavailable in rural and frontier areas, making access to healthcare providers even more difficult for populations served by Medicaid in those areas.

SD strives to ensure that individuals can receive services at their closest source of care. This is particularly true of SD’s 1915(c) waivers. HCBS in SD have been historically provided through four 1915(c) HCBS Waivers. Each waiver targets a specific population and provides a menu of services to meet the needs of the target population. SD has structured its waivers to meet the needs of individuals who live in rural and frontier areas. As the state Medicaid agency, the DSS provides oversight to all of SD’s Medicaid waivers.

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (ASA) WAIVER
The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for SD is administered by the SD DSS' Division of Adult Services and Aging (ASA), and is commonly referred to as the ASA waiver in SD. ASA is responsible for assessing individuals, developing care plans, authorizing waiver services, and monitoring service delivery. ASA also conducts all continuous quality improvement (CQI) activities, including data collection, aggregation, analysis, trend identification, and design changes and implementation. The ASA waiver was renewed by CMS on October 1, 2016 and, at that time, was expanded to include two new services – Adult Companion Services and Environmental Accessibility Adaptations.

The primary goal of the ASA Waiver is to provide services to the elderly and consumers with a qualifying disability over the age of 18 in their homes or the least restrictive community environment available to them. The waiver provides a wide range of services with the goal of meeting the individual needs of each waiver consumer. Individuals qualifying for the ASA Waiver must meet nursing facility level of care.

ASA 1915(c) WAIVER SERVICES
- Adult Day Services
- Homemaker
- Personal Care
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Specialized Medical Supplies
- Adult Companion Services
- AL
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- In-Home Nursing Services
- Meals
- Nutritional Supplements
- Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)
- Chore

Adult Day Services are provided in adult day settings; SD currently has 2 enrolled providers located at four adult day settings that provide services. SD’s Adult Day settings are described in detail in the Non-Residential Settings Assessment Section. A list of Adult Day Settings in SD may be obtained on the Aging and Disability Resource Center’s website. Not all settings offering Adult Day services are enrolled in Medicaid to provide Adult Day services.

AL services are provided in ALs. SD evaluated AL settings in this TP. See the ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items section for results specific to ALs. A list of SD’s ALs may be obtained on the Aging and Disability Resource Center’s website or on the DOH’s website. Not all ALs in SD are enrolled in Medicaid.

SETTINGS ANALYSIS
SD studied the federal regulation and guidance published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and
determined that the STP should reflect both an assessment of state policy and current policies and practice in settings. SD’s analysis of the federal regulation was implemented in two ways: through a review of State Policies, including each Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver and Administrative Rule of SD and an assessment of residential and non-residential HCBS settings in SD by providers, state staff, and individuals.

STATE POLICY ANALYSIS
SD’s systemic assessment analyzed all applicable Administrative Rules, Codified Laws, and Waivers related to the provision of HCBS in SD. State staff from the DSS and DHS reviewed the provisions of the federal regulation and compared those requirements to SD’s 1915(c) waivers, SD Codified Law (SDCL), and the Administrative Rules of SD (ARSD) that govern licensure and Medicaid participation. The applicable articles for licensure and Medicaid participation are listed in the following sections. Articles are organized into chapters, and chapters are further made up of individual rules. State staff conferred with the SD DOH on applicable ARSD related to DOH licensure and renewal. SD found no conflicts between the federal regulation and State policies. However, SD identified a conflict between the HCB Settings Rule and the emphasis on continuum of care models from the Administration for Community living (ACL) and other federal entities. Despite this conflict, SD understands per CMS direction on this issue that all settings must meet all requirements of the federal regulations, including heightened scrutiny review.

A crosswalk of federal regulations to the applicable state standards for the ASA Waiver and the CHOICES waiver are provided in the following pages. The tables contain citation and hyperlink to applicable state standards and SD’s interpretation of the intent of the state standard. SD categorized each of the state standards as one of the following, per CMS guidance:
1) Fully Compliant: Language encompasses all aspects of the home and community based requirement being assessed for compliance.
2) Partially Compliant: State standard is partially compliant with some of the federal HCBS settings rule but also contains provisions that are in conflict with the federal standard.
3) Silent: Missing language that is necessary to comply with one or more aspects of the home and community-based settings requirements.
4) Non-Compliant: State law or rule is in conflict with the federal requirements.

SD found no state standards that were non-compliant with the federal regulation.
Complete text of SD’s approved Medicaid Waivers is available online.
Administrative Rule of SD and SD Codified Law is maintained by the SD Legislative Research Council and is available online.
As part of Governor Daugaard’s Red Tape Review, SD has made a conscious effort to reduce unnecessary duplication of rules, including federal rules. SD’s on-going monitoring and review of providers includes review of compliance with federal rules.

AL must be licensed by the SD DOH to enroll. ALs must meet the standards found in Administrative Rule of SD Article 44:70 to be licensed. Adult Day Settings are not licensed by the state of SD. Division of Adult Service and Aging staff perform annual assessments of standalone adult day settings. All Medicaid providers must follow the applicable rules in Article 67:16. The ASA Waiver is further governed by Article 67:44. The following review applies to AL Settings in SD.

The setting is integrated in and supports full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.
The following review applies to AL Settings in SD.
***See TP for graphic.

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)(i)
The Setting is integrated in and supports full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
DOH Licensure: ARSD §44:70:02:20 Location; ARSD Chapter 44:70:09; Residents’ Rights and Supportive Services
ASA Rules: ARSD §67:44:03:01 Definitions

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD

GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
44:70:02:20. Location. The location of a facility shall promote the health, treatment, comfort, safety, and well-being of persons accepted and retained for care. A facility shall be served by good, passable roads. Easy accessibility for employees, visitors, and firefighting services shall be maintained.

44:70:09:09. Quality of life. A facility shall provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including: (1) A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment;

44:70:09:06. Right to manage financial affairs. A resident may manage personal financial affairs.

67:44:03:01. Definitions. (5) “AL services,” services furnished to individuals receiving waiver services who reside in a homelike, noninstitutionalized setting that includes 24-hour on-site response capability to meet scheduled or unpredictable resident needs and to provide supervision, safety, and security;

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE

SD REMEDIATION
REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES:

SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:

HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “The setting must be integrated in and support full access of Consumers receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS. Additional expectations are listed within the “Concept Area 7: Community Integration” and “Definitions” sections of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.

AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as part of facility standards include the following: 1. Access to the broader community;”

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(ii)
The Setting selected by the individual from setting options including non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
HCBS Waiver: Appendix B, B-7: Freedom of Choice
SD Medicaid Rules: ARSD §67:16:01:04 Choosing a Provider
ASA Rules: ARSD §67:44:03:04 Individual Care Plan

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD
GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
67:16:01:04. Choosing a provider. An eligible individual is free to choose a provider from among those willing to participate under the medical assistance program.
67:44:03:04. Individual care plan -- Review. Each individual eligible for ASA waiver services must have an individual care plan.

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE
SD regulation is silent on non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting. Additionally, SD regulations are silent regarding identifying and documenting setting options in the person-centered service plan.

SD REMEDIATION
REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES
SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:

HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “The HCBS Settings Final Rule requires all Consumers residing in an ALC to be able to choose where they live from among setting options including non-disability specific settings, have visitors of their choosing at any time, and have access throughout the ALC and the community, regardless of payment source, care needs, or type of disability.” Additional expectations are listed within the “Concept Area 1: Location” and “Definitions” section of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.

AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as part of facility standards include the following: 2. Privacy, dignity, respect, autonomy,

https://wms-mmdl.cdsvdc.com/WMS/faces/protected/35/print/PrintSelector.jsp 04/25/2017
Adult Services and Aging (ASA) Policy Standards:
SD will update ASA Policy to assure that individuals have meaningful choice among residential settings, including services in their own homes and options that include non-disability specific settings. The ASA Care Plan Development Policy and related process (staff training, procedures, etc.) will be updated to reflect the federal requirements for person-centered planning, including all of the elements of the settings regulation that must be reflected in the person-centered service plan. SD guidance, including the plan of care form, will be amended to require that setting options are offered and explored, are documented and choices made based on the individual’s needs, preferences, and resources available for room and board.

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(iii)
Ensures individuals rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
DOH Licensure
ARSD Chapter 44:70:09
Residents’ Rights and Supportive Services

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Fully Compliant

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD
GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
44:70:09:08. Privacy and confidentiality. A facility shall provide for privacy and confidentiality for the resident, including the resident's accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meeting of family and resident groups.
44:70:09:09. Quality of life. A facility shall provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including: (3) Freedom from physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience; (4) Freedom from verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse and from involuntary seclusion, neglect, or exploitation imposed by anyone, and theft of personal property;
44:70:09:02. Facility to inform resident of rights. (2) The resident's right to be free of interference, coercion, discrimination, and reprisal from the facility in exercising the resident's rights;

SD REMEDIATION
SD will monitor compliance and will require AL Centers to attest to compliance via the “Assisted Living Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement.”

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(iv)
Optimizes but does not regiment autonomy and independence in making life choices including daily activities, physical environment and with whom to interact

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
HCBS Waiver: Appendix B, B-7: Freedom of Choice
SD Medicaid Rules: ARSD §67:16:01:04 Choosing a Provider
ASA Rules: ARSD §67:44:03:04 Individual Care Plan
DOH Licensure: ARSD Chapter 44:70:09; Residents’ Rights and Supportive Services

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD
GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
44:70:09:09. Quality of life. A facility shall provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including: (2) Maintenance or enhancement of the resident's ability to preserve individuality, exercise self-determination, and control everyday physical needs;
44:70:09:06. Right to manage financial affairs. A resident may manage personal financial affairs. A facility may not require any resident to deposit any personal funds with the facility.
67:44:03:04. Individual care plan -- Review. Each individual eligible for ASA waiver services must have an individual care plan.
44:70:09:08. Privacy and confidentiality. A facility shall provide for privacy and confidentiality for the resident, including the resident's accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meeting of family and resident groups. (6) To retire and rise according to the resident's wishes, as long as the resident does not disturb other residents; (8) To participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility; and
FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE
SD regulation is silent on optimizing individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including daily activities, physical environment and with whom to interact.
SD REMEDIATION
REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES
SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:
HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “The Provider must have policies that optimize, but does not regiment, Consumer initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.” Additional expectations are listed within the “Concept Area 6: Autonomy” section of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.
AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as part of facility standards include the following: 2. Privacy, dignity, respect, autonomy, choice, control, free from coercion and restraints, all resident’s rights as noted in ARSD 44:70 and HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance;” Provider Education Specified in ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items Section

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(v)
Facilitates choice regarding services and supports.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
SD Codified Law: SDCL 34-1-20
DOH Licensure ARSD §44:70:09:07 Choice in Planning Care

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD
GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
44:70:09:07. Choice in planning care. A resident may choose a personal attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, be fully informed in advance about care and treatment and of any changes in that care or treatment that may affect the resident's well-being, and, unless adjudged incompetent or otherwise found to be incapacitated under the laws of the state, participate in planning care and treatment or changes in care or treatment.
44:70:09:02. Facility to inform resident of rights. (6) The resident's right to refuse treatment and to refuse to participate in experimental research. A resident's right to refuse treatment does not absolve a facility from responsibility to provide for necessary medical services and treatment. Any resident who refuses treatment shall be informed of the results of that refusal, plus any alternatives that may be available;
67:44:03:04. Individual care plan -- Review. Each individual eligible for ASA waiver services must have an individual care plan.

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE
SD regulation is silent on choice in case management.
SD REMEDIATION
REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES
SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:
HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “The Provider will make a referral to the Adult Services and Aging Specialist (Case Manager) when: a Consumer makes a request for a change in services or setting; a Consumer experiences a change in needs; and/or a Consumer requests a person-centered care planning meeting.” Additional expectations are listed within the “Concept Area 1: Location” section of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.
AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as part of facility standards include the following: 2. Privacy, dignity, respect, autonomy, choice, control, free from coercion and restraints, all resident’s rights as noted in ARSD 44:70 and HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance;” Provider Education Specified in ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items Section

Adult Services and Aging (ASA) Policy Standards:
SD will update ASA Policy to assure that individuals have meaningful choice among residential settings, including services
in their own homes and options that include non-disability specific settings. The ASA Care Plan Development Policy and related process (staff training, procedures, etc.) will be updated to reflect the federal requirements for person-centered planning, including all of the elements of the settings regulation that must be reflected in the person-centered service plan. SD guidance, including the plan of care form, will be amended to require that setting options are offered and explored, are documented and choices made based on the individual’s needs, preferences, and resources available for room and board.

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(vi)(A)
Individual has a lease or other legally enforceable agreement.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
DOH Licensure: ARSD §44:70:09:02; ARSD §44:70:09:14

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD

GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:

44:70:09:02. Facility to inform resident of rights. Prior to or at the time of admission, a facility shall inform the resident, both orally and in writing, of the resident's rights and of the rules governing the resident's conduct and responsibilities while living in the facility. The resident shall acknowledge in writing that the resident received the information. During the resident's stay the facility shall notify the resident, both orally and in writing, of any changes to the original information.

44:70:09:14. Admission, transfer, and discharge policies. A facility shall establish and maintain policies and practices for admission, discharge, and transfer of residents that prohibit discrimination based upon payment source. The facility shall notify each resident at or before the time of admission of these policies and practices. (2) The facility shall notify the resident and a family member or client advocate in writing at least 30 days before the transfer or discharge unless a change in the resident's health requires immediate transfer or discharge or the resident has not resided in the facility for 30 days. The written notice shall specify the reason for and effective date of the transfer or discharge and the location to which the resident will be transferred or discharged.

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE
SD regulation is silent regarding a lease or legally enforceable agreement. Current regulation also does not provide sufficient detail regarding allowable reasons for discharge or transfer or the nature of the appeal process.

SD REMEDIATION

REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES
SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:

HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “In a provider-owned or controlled residential setting, the unit or dwelling is a specific physical place that can be owned, rented, or occupied under a legally enforceable agreement by the Consumer receiving services, and the Consumer has, at a minimum, the same responsibilities and protections from eviction that tenants have under the landlord/tenant law of the State, county, city, or other designated entity. For settings in which landlord tenant laws do not apply, the State must ensure that a lease, residency agreement or other form of written agreement will be in place for each Consumer residing in the AL Center, and that the document provides protections that address eviction processes and appeals comparable to those provided under the jurisdiction's landlord tenant law.” Additional expectations are listed within “Concept Area 2: Living Arrangements” section of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.

AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as part of facility standards include the following: 3. Resident leases/tenant agreement requirements; Provider Education Specified in ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items Section

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(vi)(B)(1)(2)
Individual has privacy in his/her unit, including lockable doors choice of roommates

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
DOH Licensure: ARSD Chapter 44:70:09; Residents’ Rights and Supportive Services

COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD

GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:

44:70:09:05. Notification of resident's room assignment or rights change. A facility shall promptly notify the resident and, if known, the resident's legal representative, as specified in SDCL 34-12C-3, or interested family member if there has been a change in the resident's room or roommate assignment.

44:70:09:08. Privacy and confidentiality. A facility shall provide for privacy and confidentiality for the resident, including the resident's accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meeting
of family and resident groups.

44:70:09:09. Quality of life. A facility shall provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including: (5) Retention and use of personal possessions, including furnishings and clothing, as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents;

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE

SD regulation is silent regarding entrance door locks, freedom to decorate, and choice of roommates. ARSD 44:70:09:05 does not conflict with Federal requirements as it is merely a notification requirement. The facility does not choose an individual’s roommate.

SD REMEDIATION

REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:

HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “The Provider ensures a Consumer’s rights of privacy. Each Consumer has privacy in their sleeping or living unit. Units have entrance doors lockable by the Consumer, with only appropriate staff having keys to doors. Consumers sharing units have a choice of roommates in that setting.” Additional expectations are listed within the “Concept Area 3: Privacy” section of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.

AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as part of facility standards include the following: 4. Roommate choice policy; 6. Policy to address ability to lock door to sleeping or living unit;”

Provider Education Specified in ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items Section

FEDERAL REGULATION

42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(vi)(B)(3)

Individuals have the freedom to furnish and decorate their sleeping or living units within the lease or other agreement.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD

DOH Licensure: ARSD §44:70:09:09 Quality of Life; ARSD Chapter 44:70:06 Dietetic Services

COMPLIANCE STATUS

Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD

GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:

44:70:09:09. Quality of life. A facility shall provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including: (2) Maintenance or enhancement of the resident's ability to preserve individuality, exercise self-determination, and control everyday physical needs;

44:70:06:01. Dietetic services. The facility shall have an organized dietetic service that meets the daily nutritional needs of residents and ensures that food is stored, prepared, distributed, and served in a manner that is safe, wholesome, and sanitary in accordance with the provisions of § 44:70:02:06.

44:70:06:04. Food substitutions. The facility shall offer reasonable substitutions of equal nutritional value to residents who refuse or are unable to eat the food served.

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE

SD regulation is silent on an individual controlling his/her own schedule and access to food at any time.

SD REMEDIATION

REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:

HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “Consumers are not required to adhere to a set schedule for
walking, sleeping, bathing, eating, exercising, participating in activities, etc... An Individual may schedule activities at
his/her convenience and have access to non-group activities in the broader community.” “In general, Individuals must have
access to a variety of foods throughout the day. The Provider will offer a reasonable alternative to planned meals. All
Individuals are able to make an alternative meal or snacks within their resources. All Individuals can elect to eat at an
alternative time.” Additional expectations are listed within the “Concept Area 6: Autonomy” and “Concept Area 2: Living
Arrangements” sections of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance”. This document will be available
online at https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.

AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the
federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as
part of facility standards include the following: 7. Policy to address access to food.”

Provider Education Specified in ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items Section.

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(vi)(D)
Individual are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
DOH Licensure
ARSD Chapter 44:70:09
Residents’ Rights and Supportive Services
COMPLIANCE STATUS
Silent

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD
GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
44:70:09:02. Facility to inform resident of rights. (8) The resident's right to receive visitors.
44:70:09:08. Privacy and confidentiality. A facility shall provide for privacy and confidentiality for the resident, including
the resident's accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meeting
of family and resident groups. (7) To meet, associate, and communicate with any person of the resident's choice in a private
place within the facility;

FEDERAL REGULATION NOT SPECIFIED IN STATE GUIDANCE
SD regulation is silent on an individual having visitors of their choice at any time.

SD REMEDIATION
REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES
SD will address the federal regulations through the following items:
HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance: “In general, Providers must have policies and procedures that
ensure a Consumer’s right to have visitors as they choose.” “The Provider will allow visitors at any time, unless the
restriction is related to a health or safety risk.” Additional expectations are listed within “Concept Area 1: Location” section
of the “HCBS Settings Guide to Expectations and Compliance.” This document will be available online at

AL Provider Addendum to the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement: “Facility standards and Provider policies must address the
federal Medicaid requirements as specified in 42 CFR §441.301(c)(4) and (5). Specific policies that must be addressed as
part of facility standards include the following: 5. Visitor/Guest policy;”

Provider Education Specified in ASA Waiver Assessment Results and Action Items Section.

FEDERAL REGULATION
42 CFR 441.301 (c)(4)(vi)(E)
The setting is physically accessible to the individual

APPLICABLE STATE STANDARD
DOH Licensure
ARSD Chapter 44:70:02 Physical Environment
ARSD Chapter 44:70:10 Construction Standards
COMPLIANCE STATUS
Fully Compliant

SD INTERPRETATION OF STATE STANDARD
GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION:
44:70:10:01. Application of chapter. Accessible and usable accommodations shall be available to the public, staff, and
residents with disabilities. Minimum requirements, except as noted in this chapter, are those in "ADA Standards for
Accessible Design"
RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

SD measured settings against all regulatory requirements for home and community based settings defined in the federal regulation. SD identified seven key concept areas for assessment: Location, Living Arrangements, Privacy, Dignity and Respect, Physical Accessibility, Autonomy, and Community Integration. SD used these concept areas to group similar questions together. Assessment questions were developed using guidance from CMS’ HCBS Tool Kit and SD’s analysis of the federal regulation.

SD chose a three step assessment process for residential settings. The assessment process included collection and analysis of providers’ responses to the self-assessment and validation of those responses from state staff and individuals receiving HCBS through the CHOICES and ASA waivers. SD used SurveyMonkey to collect electronic responses to the assessments. The assessment process is summarized in the following chart and sections.

HCBS
SD Residential Settings Assessment Plan
**See TP for graphic.

PROVIDER SELF-ASSESSMENT
Providers were required to complete a self-assessment of their setting. The self-assessment contained 57 questions spread between the seven concept areas. The assessment was prepared collaboratively by the DSS and the Department of Human Services. A pilot group consisting of three Community Support Providers and three AL providers was engaged to preliminarily complete a draft assessment and provide feedback. Based on feedback from the pilot group, SD modified the self-assessment to allow providers to include narrative about restrictions and limits specific to their setting.

SD incorporated a provider education period into the assessment process. SD held a series of webinars and distributed an informational letter to HCBS residential setting providers in August 2014. SD Medicaid also developed a website containing informational materials, links to CMS guidance, slides and recordings from webinars, and provider communication. The website is accessible at:  http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx

Before releasing the self-assessment, SD Medicaid held a series of webinars detailing the self-assessment and explaining how data gathered in the self-assessment would be used by SD Medicaid. The webinar showed providers how to utilize the online self-assessment tool in Survey Monkey and explained terms used in the self-assessment. Following the self-assessment webinars, the self-assessment was distributed to providers via email. All providers were required to complete the self-assessment for each AL, Group Home, and Supervised Apartment setting. The self-assessment was available for completion from September 24, 2014 through October 25, 2014. SD received a response from all enrolled providers.

Setting Type: AL
Number of Settings: 132
Number of Provider Self-Assessments: 132
% of Self-Assessments Received: 100%

STATE STAFF ON-SITE VALIDATION ASSESSMENT
SD used state staff to complete an on-site review of residential settings to verify the results of the provider self-assessment. The staff assessment was a subset of questions from the Provider Self-Assessment. Information identifying the setting such as address or NPI was captured on both the state staff assessment and provider self-assessment to check the validity of provider responses. The state staff assessment represents all AL and community support providers. All AL settings were assessed by state staff and a random proportionate sample of group homes and supervised apartment settings across SD’s 9 Community Support Providers (CSPs).

Setting Type: AL
Number of Settings: 132
Number of State Staff Assessments: 132
% of State Staff Assessments Received: 100%

The state staff assessment contained 18 questions from the provider self-assessment that staff observed through a site visit to the setting.

Prior to performing assessments state staff were trained on the federal regulation and instructed about what to look for during the site visit to the setting. SD assigned staff familiar with the setting to complete the staff assessment. Assessment of AL settings was completed by the Adult Services and Aging staff assigned to the setting. Assessment of CSPs was
completed by Division of Developmental Disabilities Program Specialists. The state staff assessment was completed from October 25, 2014 through November 30, 2014.

HCBS INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW
SD facilitated an interview of individuals receiving HCBS supports in a residential setting to validate the results of the provider self-assessment. State staff facilitated the interviews during their on-site review of residential settings. A sample of recipients from both the CHOICES and ASA waiver were interviewed. Individual interviews focused on the individual’s perception of the setting, including the individual’s choice of living arrangements, treatment from provider staff, privacy in the setting, ability to choose an individual schedule, choose when, where and what to eat, and the ability to come and go at any time. Individuals were also asked an open ended question about the individual’s thoughts about where they live.

The HCBS individual interview contained 13 questions from the provider self-assessment that are specific to individual’s experiences in the setting. Information identifying the setting such as address or NPI was captured on both the HCBS individual interview and provider self-assessment to check the validity of provider responses.

State staff facilitated the individual interview and entered the interview results online. Interviews were completed by guardians when an individual had a designated legal guardian. The individual interviews were completed from October 25, 2014 through November 30, 2014.

ASSESSMENT DATA ANALYSIS
SD Medicaid performed an analysis of the interrelationship of the data gathered from provider self-assessments, state staff on-site validation assessments and HCBS individual interviews to determine areas already in compliance and areas in need of improvement. A summary of the data analysis process is described in the flow chart and sections below. The assessment results are posted in graphs under each key concept area specific to each waiver.

HCBS Final Rule
SD Residential Rule Assessment Data Analysis

**LIMITS EVALUATION**
Provider responses and clarifying comments made in the assessment were carefully analyzed by SD Medicaid for optimal and non-optimal responses. Optimal responses indicated compliance with the HCBS federal regulation. Non-optimal responses indicated that additional actions were necessary for compliance with the federal regulation. In the assessment, providers had the option to indicate compliance in one of three ways: 1. Yes, there are no restrictions; 2. Yes, with limits; 3. No

When a provider answered ‘Yes, with limits,’ the provider was asked to provide additional clarifying information regarding the limit and why it was in place. SD Medicaid analyzed each indicated limit to determine if the limit was acceptable. Limits that undergo due process or implemented for the health and safety of the individual were determined to be acceptable and were coded as an optimal answer in the assessment results.

SETTINGS SUBJECT TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY REVIEW
SD Medicaid used four questions to identify settings subject to heightened scrutiny review according to the federal regulation and guidance released by CMS including:

- Is the setting also a Nursing Facility?
- Is the setting on the grounds of, or adjacent to an institution?
- Is there another group home, supervised apartment, or AL on the same block?
- Does the setting isolate individuals from the broader community?

SD performed site specific follow-up at each setting where a non-optimal response to one of the four questions was indicated by a provider in the provider self-assessment. SD determined that no Community Support Provider settings required heightened scrutiny review.

Follow-up assessments were performed on-site by Adult Services and Aging Regional Managers. The follow-up assessment assessed the nature of the setting and the community integration options available to individuals living in the setting. The follow-up assessment also assessed the availability of other HCBS and settings in the community. Finally, the follow-up assessment documented the location of the setting in the community. Specifically, when a setting was adjacent to, or on the grounds of an institution, the follow-up assessment analyzed the other buildings surrounding the setting such as schools, private residences, retail businesses, churches, etc.
86% HCBS QUALITY ASSURANCE THRESHOLD
CMS’s current quality assurance system requires that states submit an evidentiary report on all performance measures including the remediation taken for each systemic and individual instance when a performance measure has less than 100% compliance. States are required to implement statewide quality improvement projects/remediation when the threshold of compliance with a measure is at or below 85%.

SD Medicaid applied this compliance threshold to the assessment results. Assessment items at or below 85% in either the provider self-assessment or the aggregated quality assurance results were determined to be systematic in nature and statewide action steps to address remediation were developed and are included in this TP. When an assessment item indicated compliance at or above 86%, statewide action steps were not developed; remediation will be pursued on an individual basis. Individual remediation is described in the next section. All providers will be required to reach 100% compliance with all federal requirements by the end of the TP period.

INDIVIDUAL REMEDIATION
SD will require all providers to perform individual remediation to ensure 100% compliance with federal requirements by the end of the TP period. SD’s individual remediation process is described in the flow chart below:

HCBS Final Rule
Remediation Process Flow Chart
***See TP for graphic.

1. Education about State and Federal Expectations
2. Provider Re-Assess Compliance
3. Provider Implementation
4. State Evaluation
5. Recommendations for Compliance
6. Attest to Compliance in Supplemental Agreement

SD will release information to providers beginning in 2016. SD will incorporate assessment of state and federal expectations into annual on-site reviews beginning in 2017. Providers who do not meet expectations will receive a notification of non-compliance and will be asked to submit a corrective action plan to the Department. SD will add language to supplemental provider agreements for providers to attest to compliance with the provisions of the federal regulation.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STATEWIDE AND INDIVIDUAL REMEDIATION PLANS
When SD determines that an action requires statewide remediation, all providers will receive direct and specific education about the action item. All providers will be required to submit evidence of compliance by the target completion date identified in this STP, even if they were initially assessed as compliant.

When a concept area or item is subject to individual remediation, SD will inform providers of state expectations. Non-compliant providers will be given an opportunity to become compliant prior to the planned state evaluation. If a provider is found to still be non-compliant during the state evaluation, they will be required to complete a corrective action plan with timeframes demonstrating a plan for compliance. If a provider fails to successfully implement a corrective action plan to correct an area of non-compliance the setting will be unenrolled as a HCBS provider. State evaluations will be implemented as an on-going process.

RELOCATION OF BENEFICIARIES
SD anticipates that all enrolled settings will be able to comply with the federal regulation. However, in the rare likelihood that a provider closes or it is determined that a setting will not be able to meet the new federal requirements, SD’s Adult Services and Aging (ASA) Specialists and DHS Resource Coordinators will provide support to any recipients who must relocate. Individuals will receive detailed information about the options available in their community and the state. Options for individuals will prioritize other HCBS services available in the community. If no options are available in the community, options for HCBS services in other communities will be discussed with the individual. In cases where other HCBS options are not available, relocation may also include intermediate care facilities or skilled nursing facilities when an individual meets the level of care requirements.

SD already has processes in place in the event of closure of a facility or setting. Notification requirements for the closure of a facility are located in SD’s Administrative Rule in ARSD §44:70:09:14 and ARSD 46:11:08:05. SD will follow a similar process for relocation, including notification and meetings with the individual, notification to family members, an assessment of options available to the individual, and a plan for relocation from the setting.

https://wms-mmdl.cdsvd.com/WMS/faces/protected/35/print/PrintSelector.jsp
When it is determined that a setting will not be able to be compliant with the final rule, SD’s ASA Specialists and DHS Resource Coordinators will meet with the recipient within 30 days of the determination to discuss placement options with the individual and develop a plan for relocation of the individual. SD’s ASA Specialists and DHS Resource Coordinators will additionally inform the family of the individual of the relocation. Individuals and family members will be given at least 30 days to evaluate options for relocation. Relocation will take place in a timely manner; however, relocation may vary in length due to the rural nature of the state and limited provider options. Each relocation will be unique to the individual, the options available to the individual, and the choice of the individual. All individuals will be relocated by the end of the TP period.

NON-RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY
SD currently has 2 enrolled providers of Adult Day services under the ASA waiver that are located at 4 settings.

The DSS performs annual site assessments at the two active providers. Settings are co-located with other services for adults; including a nutrition site, a senior activity center, and day resources for veterans. The other setting is a stand-alone day center that also includes day resources for veterans. Individuals who receive services at these settings live in their homes and are integrated into the community.

SD prepared a specific assessment for Adult Day settings utilizing the HCBS Non-Residential Exploratory Questions in the CMS HCBS Toolkit. Assessments were performed by ASA staff. SD determined these settings meet the intent of the federal regulations and do not require further action to be compliant. SD will require each enrolled setting to sign a supplemental agreement attesting to compliance with the requirements of the federal regulations.

Setting Type: Adult Day
Number of Settings: 4
Number of State Staff Assessments: 4
% of State Staff Assessments Received: 100%

SD determined that all adult day settings are fully compliant based on the state staff assessment.

SETTINGS SUBJECT TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY REVIEW
In the federal regulations, CMS identified types of settings that are subject to heightened scrutiny review. These settings are presumed to have the effect of isolating individuals from the broader community or have the qualities of an institution. Of the 132 enrolled AL settings, SD’s initial assessment suggests that 59 AL settings may require additional analysis per CMS’s available guidance on settings subject to heightened scrutiny review. Six of the 59 settings have unenrolled since 3/12/2015. Upon settings clarification from CMS that settings on the grounds of or adjacent to privately-owned institutions are not subject to heightened scrutiny, SD was able to reduce the number of settings subject to heightened scrutiny to 43 total. SD performed an on-site review of each of the settings. From initial on-site analysis, SD anticipates that further evaluation will demonstrate all settings meet the home and community based requirements or that some settings may not require heightened scrutiny review.

Initial analysis of these settings revealed that all settings that may be subject to heightened scrutiny review are located in small rural communities in SD. In small and rural communities, many settings serve dual roles as both a long-term care facility and an AL. Dual long-term care facility and AL settings are often the only HCB option available for consumers who want to remain in their community but are no longer willing or able to maintain their own home.

HCBS Final Rule
SETTINGS SUBJECT TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY REVIEW
**See TP for graphic.

In some areas of SD, the population simply cannot support separate AL and long-term care facilities. Instead, a wing or a percentage of the beds in the long-term care facility are designated as AL beds. Situations where individual rooms or suites within the long-term care facility have been designated as AL have historically been in response to a need in the community.

Removing the choice of an AL room in a long-term care facility in rural and frontier areas has the predominant effect of limiting choice for individuals to remain in their community. In some cases dual long-term care facilities and ALs are the only AL option in their community. Without these settings, individuals would be forced to leave their community to continue to receive HCBS. SD believes individuals served in small towns and rural communities deserve the choice to
reside in their community when receiving services from the ASA waiver.

Additionally, SD disagrees with the premise that settings physically sharing a wall with another institution, such as a hospital or nursing home, are presumed not to meet the requirements of an HCB setting. These settings operate separately and distinct from a hospital or nursing home and the physical co-location near other healthcare providers not only supports access to healthcare, but is considered an advantage for individuals who are allowed to age in place or remain with a spouse requiring a higher level of care in a long-term care facility. SD believes the person-centered planning model supports offering a choice for individuals to remain in their communities and receive HCB services.

LIST OF SETTINGS SUBJECT TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY REVIEW
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires states to include a list of settings names and addresses of settings that are subject to heightened scrutiny review. SD’s initial assessment of these settings was limited in scope; however, it was identified that several of the settings subject to heightened scrutiny are part of a continuum of care model. SD included continuum of care settings with other settings identified for heightened scrutiny review. Facilities in SD have adopted this model and the number of continuum of care campuses will likely increase as Federal agencies have historically advocated for individuals to age in place in a continuum of care model. SD received guidance from CMS that all settings must meet the federal requirements, including applicable heightened scrutiny review.

Further feedback from community members, providers, and individuals residing in heightened scrutiny settings is necessary to further refine SD’s analysis of these settings. SD will further scrutinize these settings and gather more information from providers, stakeholders, community members, and residents. SD anticipates the additional analysis will support our preliminary findings and demonstrate the HCB nature of these settings. SD plans to complete the additional analysis by August 31, 2016 utilizing an external vendor. SD will publish a list of settings for public notice as required by CMS upon completion of the analysis.

Additional Needed Information (Optional)

Provide additional needed information for the waiver (optional):

ASA WAIVER ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND ACTION ITEMS
OVERVIEW
The provider self-assessment was completed by 132 HCBS AL providers. Results are shown below for the provider self-assessment, staff assessment, and the HCBS individual interviews. The data indicates that on a statewide level, AL providers meet the intent of the federal regulations. Data gathered from providers is supported by similar results in the staff assessment and individual interviews.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphic.
Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 90%
• Non-Optimal: 10%

State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 91%
• Non-Optimal: 9%
Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 86%
• Non-Optimal: 14%

The following tables further delineate the pie graph information, showing discrepancies between the provider responses and the quality assurance results. SD heavily weighed the quality assurance results as a check on self-reported data from providers. Using CMS’s 86% quality assurance threshold, SD identified strengths and areas for improvement by each concept area.

STRENGTHS
As shown in the table below, the Dignity and Respect, Autonomy, Physical Accessibility, and Location concept areas were at or above the 86% compliance threshold. SD will use individual remediation to address issues in these concept areas. Individual remediation will be addressed by concept area. DSS will provide additional education about state and federal expectations in the concept area. Following education, providers will re-assess their policies and practices and address any
issues in the concept area. DSS will review the concept area during an on-site visit to the setting. If any remaining issues are found to be non-compliant with the federal regulations, DSS will work individually with the provider to determine specific remediation steps. Individual remediation will take place over the course of the TP to ensure 100% compliance in each concept area.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphic.
Dignity and Respect
• Provider Assessment Results: 99%
• Quality Assurance Results: 97%
• Difference: -2%
Autonomy
• Provider Assessment Results: 97%
• Quality Assurance Results: 97%
• Difference: 0%
Physical Accessibility
• Provider Assessment Results: 88%
• Quality Assurance Results: 95%
• Difference: +7%
Location
• Provider Assessment Results: 86%
• Quality Assurance Results: 95%
• Difference: +9%

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT
As shown in the table below, either the Provider Assessment results or the Quality Assurance Results were below 86% in the Privacy, Community Integration and Living Arrangements concept areas. SD will address these concept areas from a systemic perspective. SD will use statewide action steps to address issues in the concept areas listed below. Actions steps are described by concept area in the following pages.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphic.
Privacy
• Provider Assessment Results: 87%
• Quality Assurance Results: 71%
• Difference: -16%
Community Integration
• Provider Assessment Results: 85%
• Quality Assurance Results: 95%
• Difference: +10%
Living Arrangements
• Provider Assessment Results: 79%
• Quality Assurance Results: 79%
• Difference: 0%

From the assessment results, SD determined that many SD AL settings already substantially meet the intent of the federal regulation with minor items to remediate over the course of the transition period. Other AL settings in SD will require modifications or heightened scrutiny review in accordance with the federal regulation. SD has grouped settings by this methodology in the following chart. The following categories align with SD’s original assessment performed in fall 2014.

For the purposes of communicating and reporting completion of action steps and milestones to CMS and future assessment results, SD will categorize these settings using CMS suggested language as those settings presumed to have the qualities of an institution, those that fully comply, and those that do not comply but could with modifications.

ALs
• Required Heightened Scrutiny Review: 53
• Substantially Meet Federal Requirements: 47
• Will Require Modifications: 23
• Unenrolled since 3/12/2015: 9
**See TP for graphic.

**DIGNITY/RESPECT**
Analysis of the assessment results revealed the dignity and respect concept area to be above the 86% threshold. SD will work with AL providers on an individual basis to remediate any non-optimal findings through trainings, education about state and federal expectations, and technical assistance. SD closely monitors dignity and respect through the ASA Quality of Life Assessment and through quarterly local visits.

**ASSESSMENT RESULTS**
**See TP for graphics.**

Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 99%
• Non-Optimal: 1%

State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 100%
• Non-Optimal: 0%

Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 94%
• Non-Optimal: 6%

**ACTION STEPS**
Expectation: Providers perform Individual Remediation
Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
1.3 State Assessment of Expectations
Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 State Expectations Guide
1.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
1.3 On-Site Review
Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 AL Providers
1.3 DSS
Target Completion:
1.1 May 31, 2016
1.2 December 31, 2016
1.3 January 1, 2017 & On-Going

**AUTONOMY**
Analysis of the assessment results revealed the autonomy concept area to be above the 86% threshold. SD will work with AL providers on an individual basis to remediate any non-optimal findings through trainings, education about state and federal expectations, and technical assistance to ensure individuals have flexibility in planning their activities of daily living and that schedules correspond to individual needs and preferences. SD closely monitors autonomy through the ASA Quality of Life Assessment and through quarterly visits.

**ASSESSMENT RESULTS**
**See TP for graphics.**

Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 97%
• Non-Optimal: 3%

State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 95%
• Non-Optimal: 5%

Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 99%
• Non-Optimal: 1%

ACTION STEPS
Expectation: Providers perform Individual Remediation
Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
1.3 State Assessment of Expectations
Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 State Expectations Guide
1.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
1.3 On-Site Review
Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 AL Providers
1.3 DSS
Target Completion:
1.1 May 31, 2016
1.2 December 31, 2016
1.3 January 1, 2017 & On-Going

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY
Analysis of the assessment results revealed the physical accessibility concept area to be above the 86% threshold. The Division of ASA will work with the SD DOH (DOH) and providers on an individual basis to remediate any non-optimal findings over the course of the TP. For example, SD anticipates individual remediation will include ensuring appliances are accessible to individuals. SD closely monitors health, safety, and sanitation through quality assurance review in cooperation with DOH. SD also assesses compliance through the ASA Quality of Life Assessment, quarterly visits, and DOH site reviews.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphics.
Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 88%
• Non-Optimal: 12%
State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 95%
• Non-Optimal: 5%

ACTION STEPS
Expectation: Providers perform Individual Remediation
Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
1.3 State Assessment of Expectations
Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 State Expectations Guide
1.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
1.3 On-Site Review
Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 AL Providers
1.3 DSS
Target Completion:
1.1 May 31, 2016
1.2 December 31, 2016
1.3 January 1, 2017 & On-Going

LOCATION
ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphic.
Analysis of the assessment results revealed the location concept area to meet the 86% threshold. This concept area
contained questions used to identify settings that are subject to heightened scrutiny review. Further details about settings that are subject to heightened scrutiny review by federal regulation are located in the section titled SETTINGS SUBJECT TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY REVIEW.

Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 86%
• Non-Optimal: 14%

State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 91%
• Non-Optimal: 9%

Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 97%
• Non-Optimal: 3%

ACTION STEPS

Expectation: Providers perform Individual Remediation

Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
1.3 State Assessment of Expectations

Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 State Expectations Guide
1.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
1.3 On-Site Review

Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 AL Providers
1.3 DSS

Target Completion:
1.1 May 31, 2016
1.2 December 31, 2016
1.3 January 1, 2017 & On-Going

PRIVACY

Analysis of the provider self-assessment results revealed the privacy concept area to be above the 86% threshold. However, quality assurance results indicated a need for statewide remediation in this area.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

**See TP for graphic.

Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 87%
• Non-Optimal: 13%

State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 71%
• Non-Optimal: 29%

Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 72%
• Non-Optimal: 28%

ACTION STEPS

SD identified bedroom door locks and shared bedrooms as areas for improvement in this concept area. The quality assurance results indicated that many individuals are unable to lock their bedroom doors in their setting. Providers also indicated that many individuals are unable to lock their bedroom doors, but health and safety risks exist or individuals have never expressed interest in locking their bedroom door. SD will require all individuals to be able to lock their door or have any limits or restrictions justified and documented in the person-centered care plan. SD will expect providers to begin implementing locks on or before July 1, 2016. Lock installation may be staggered, but must be completed by March 2018.

SD currently offers all individuals a choice of AL providers with private and shared bedrooms. Although private bedrooms are not available in every setting or town in SD, individuals are able to exercise choice in the person-centered planning process when they are determined eligible for an HCBS waiver. SD will document this choice in the person-centered plan and will additionally educate providers about roommate selection. SD will require all providers to have a roommate choice
policy in place on or before December 31, 2015.

Expectation #1: In provider owned or leased properties, individuals should be able to lock the door to their bedroom from non-staff if capable.
Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 Document health and welfare concerns in person-centered care plan.
1.3 All provider-owned or leased settings implement locks for capable individuals.
Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 Educational Webinar, Informational Bulletin
1.2 100% compliance in quarterly plan reviews
1.3 100% compliance in annual site reviews
Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 DSS and AL Providers
1.3 DSS and AL Providers
Target Completion:
1.1 May 31, 2016
1.2 July 1, 2016
1.3 March 17, 2018
Expectation #2: Individuals will be offered a choice between setting options with private and shared bedrooms.
Compliance Action Step:
2.1 Document setting choice between private and shared bedrooms in person-centered care plan.
Measurable Outcomes:
2.1 100% compliance in quarterly plan reviews
Responsible Agency:
2.1 DSS
Target Completion:
2.1 July 1, 2015 Complete & On-Going
Expectation #3: When an individual shares a bedroom, they will be able to choose their roommate.
Compliance Action Step:
3.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
3.2 Providers implement a policy that allows individuals choice of roommates as available
Measurable Outcomes:
3.1 Educational Webinar, Informational Bulletin
3.2 100% compliance in annual site reviews
Responsible Agency:
3.1 DSS
3.2 DSS and AL Providers
Target Completion:
3.1 June 30, 2015 Complete
3.2 December 31, 2015 In-Progress
Expectation #4: Providers perform Individual Remediation
Compliance Action Step:
4.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
4.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
4.3 State Assessment of Expectations
Measurable Outcomes:
4.1 State Expectations Guide
4.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
4.3 On-Site Review
Responsible Agency:
4.1 DSS
4.2 AL Providers
4.3 DSS
Target Completion:
4.1 May 31, 2016
4.2 March 31, 2017
4.3 April 1, 2018 & On-Going

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
Analysis of the provider self-assessment results revealed the living arrangement concept area to be below the 86% threshold. Quality assurance results also indicated a need for statewide remediation in this area.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphic.
Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 79%
• Non-Optimal: 21%
State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 77%
• Non-Optimal: 23%
Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 80%
• Non-Optimal: 20%

ACTION STEPS
SD identified access to food and immediate access to the setting as areas for improvement in this concept area. Providers indicated that access to food often had limits related to meal times, set menus, and specified locations in the AL. SD will work to optimize individual choice and access to food by educating providers regarding state and federal expectations. Settings must begin implementing supports on or before July 1, 2016. Implementation of supports may be staggered but all supports in this area must be implemented by March 2019.

In the provider self-assessment, SD asked providers if individuals were given keys to the setting. Providers indicated that individuals may have other means of accessing the setting apart from keys, such as setting staff, a key pad, or key fob. SD will require each individual to have immediate access to the setting by a key or other means by March 2018.

**See TP for graphic.
Expectation #1: Individuals are able to choose what time and where to eat. Individuals are able to make or request an alternative to any planned meals within their resources.
Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 The setting offers reasonable alternative to planned meals.
1.3 Individuals are able to make an alternative meal within their resources.
1.4 All individuals can elect to eat at an alternative time.
1.5 All individuals can elect to eat in their room.
Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 Educational Webinar, Informational Bulletin
1.2 100% compliance in annual site reviews
1.3 100% compliance in annual site reviews
1.4 100% compliance in annual site reviews
1.5 100% compliance in annual site reviews

Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 AL Providers
1.3 AL Providers
1.4 AL Providers
1.5 AL Providers

Target Completion:
1.1 April 31, 2016
1.2 March 17, 2019
1.3 March 17, 2019
1.4 March 17, 2019
1.5 March 17, 2019

Expectation #2: Individuals have immediate access to the setting 24/7.
Compliance Action Step:
2.1 Educate providers about state and federal expectations.
2.2 All settings are immediately accessible to individuals 24/7 by key or other means such as setting staff, key pad/fob, etc.
Measurable Outcomes:
2.1 Educational Webinar, Informational Bulletin
2.2 100% compliance in annual site reviews
Responsible Agency:
2.1 DSS
2.2 AL Providers
Target Completion:
2.1 July 31, 2016
2.2 March 17, 2018

Expectation #3: Providers perform Individual Remediation
Compliance Action Step:
3.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
3.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
3.3 State Assessment of Expectations
Measurable Outcomes:
3.1 State Expectations Guide
3.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
3.3 On-Site Review

Responsible Agency:
3.1 DSS
3.2 AL Providers
3.3 DSS
Target Completion:
3.1 May 31, 2016
3.2 June 30, 2017
3.3 July 1, 2018 & On-Going

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
Analysis of the provider self-assessment results revealed the living arrangement concept area to be below the 86% threshold. Quality assurance results indicated that SD providers are already successful in this area.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS
**See TP for graphic.
Provider Self-Assessment:
• Optimal: 85%
• Non-Optimal: 15%
State Staff Assessment:
• Optimal: 95%
• Non-Optimal: 5%
Individual/Guardian Interviews:
• Optimal: 95%
• Non-Optimal: 5%

ACTION STEPS
SD identified access to community activities and events from the setting at any time and employment in an integrated setting as areas for improvement in this concept area. Access to transportation and need for supervision emerged as common barriers to individual’s community access. Although providers indicated these barriers in the provider self-assessment, individual interviews showed that individuals do not experience barriers to accessing community activities and events. Further communication with providers revealed that some providers indicated limits existed any time that they were not able to be the sole source of transportation and supervision in the community, even though policy would allow recipients to leave on their own as they are able or with family or friends. SD believes it would be unnecessarily burdensome to require providers to be the sole source of transportation and supervision in the community. SD will work with providers to emphasize natural supports in the community. Additionally, SD plans to collaborate with stakeholders, providers, and individuals to perform further analysis of community access. SD plans to complete the analysis by June 30, 2017. We expect findings to drive additional action in this area, either through individual remediation or statewide action steps.

AL providers commonly indicated that individuals living in their setting do not often desire to work or volunteer because they are retired, which SD anticipated due to the age of most AL residents. SD’s analysis of the ASA waiver indicated that eligibility requirements for earned income may act as a disincentive for employment. SD plans to remove this disincentive in the October 2016 waiver renewal. SD will educate providers regarding state and federal expectations for supports for individuals who desire to work or volunteer by March 2016. Settings must provide supports in this area on or before October 1, 2016.
**See STP for graphic.

Expectation #1: Providers facilitate access to community activities and events.

Compliance Action Step:
1.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
1.2 Collaborate with stakeholders and providers to perform further analysis.
1.3 Increase provider knowledge of use of natural supports.

Measurable Outcomes:
1.1 Statewide education; Webinars, FAQ, Annual Newsletter
1.2 Additional Actions, as needed
1.3 Statewide education; Webinars, FAQ, Annual Newsletter

Responsible Agency:
1.1 DSS
1.2 DSS, AL Providers, Stakeholders
1.3 DSS

Target Completion:
1.1 July 31, 2016-
1.2 June 30, 2017
1.3 July 31, 2016-

Expectation #2: Providers arrange supports for an individual to work or volunteer in an integrated setting when an individual is interested in working or volunteering.

Compliance Action Step:
2.1 Educate providers about state and federal expectations.
2.2 Change ASA waiver eligibility requirements for earned income.

Measurable Outcomes:
2.1 Statewide education; Webinars, FAQ, Annual Newsletter
2.2 2016 Waiver Renewal

Responsible Agency:
2.1 DSS
2.2 DSS

Target Completion:
2.1 May 31, 2016
2.2 October 1, 2016

Expectation #3: Providers perform Individual Remediation

Compliance Action Step:
3.1 Educate providers of state and federal expectations.
3.2 Providers Re-Assess Compliance.
3.3 State Assessment of Expectations

Measurable Outcomes:
3.1 State Expectations Guide
3.2 Provider Practice or Policy Change
3.3 On-Site Review

Responsible Agency:
3.1 DSS
3.2 AL Providers
3.3 DSS

Target Completion:
3.1 May 31, 2016
3.2 December 31, 2017
3.3 January 1, 2018 & On-Going

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**PLAN FOR CONTINUOUS COMPLIANCE AFTER TP**

SD will ensure providers maintain compliance with the federal regulations for each 1915(c) waiver following the end of the TP. SD will ensure compliance through a variety of mechanisms including ombudsman visits, on-site provider reviews and care planning activities. SD will incorporate the federal regulations into existing review mechanisms, grievance procedures, and annual education during care planning meetings. In addition to these activities, each waiver identified specific activities...
to ensure on-going compliance.
The DSS will require all providers to attest to compliance with the HCBS requirements through a signed supplemental agreement. DSS will implement a supplemental agreement for AL providers starting in State Fiscal year 2016. Compliance with the supplemental agreement will be evaluated during annual on-site reviews of the setting. When non-compliance is identified in a setting, DSS will develop recommendations for the provider and work individually with the provider to identify remedial actions. DSS will incorporate the requirements of the final rule into the on-site provider reviews and the annual care planning process.

**PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAN SUBMITTED 3/12/2015**
In addition to the formal public notice period required by CFR, South Dakota engaged providers, individuals, and stakeholders throughout the transition plan assessment and preparation process. All mailings and slides and recordings of webinars are available online at: http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx

**FINAL RULE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**
- Provider Final Rule Educational Mailing: August 25, 2014
- Provider Final Rule Overview Webinar: August 29, 2014 and September 2, 2014
- Tribal Consultation Final Rule Overview Presentation: October 9, 2014
- Stakeholder Educational Mailing: November 14, 2014

**ASSESSMENT PUBLIC INPUT ACTIVITIES**
- Assessment Provider Pilot Group: August 29, 2014 to September 11, 2014
- Provider Assessment Education Mailing: September 12, 2014
- Provider Assessment Education Webinar: September 23, 2014 and September 24, 2014

**ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND DRAFT TRANSITION PLAN PUBLIC INPUT ACTIVITIES**
- HCBS (ASA) Waiver Provider & Stakeholder Webinars:
  - January 4, 2015
  - January 5, 2015
  - January 12, 2015
- Tribal Consultation Presentation: January 8, 2015
- CHOICES Core Stakeholder Presentation: January 5, 2015
- DHS Community Support Providers Presentation: January 14, 2015

**FORMAL PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD**

South Dakota offered four ways to make a comment on the transition plan:

1) E-Mail:
South Dakota created an e-mail address specifically for comments and questions regarding the transition plan. The e-mail address is hcbs@state.sd.us.

2) Mail:
South Dakota accepted written comments via mail to South Dakota Medicaid.

3) Phone:
South Dakota accepted comments and questions made by phone. Contact information was listed for the HCBS (ASA) Waiver, CHOICES Waiver, ADLS Waiver, Family Support 360 Waiver and South Dakota Medicaid.

4) Public Forums and Town Hall Conference Calls:
The Department of Human Services offered three in-person meetings and one town hall conference call to accept public comments and questions. The Department of Social Services offered two Town Hall conference calls to accept public comments and questions.

- Public Forums:
  - February 9, 2015: Watertown, SD 9:00 am – 10:30 am CST
  - February 9, 2015: Sioux Falls, SD 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm CST
  - February 10, 2015: Rapid City, SD 9:00 am – 10:30 am MST
- Town Hall Conference Calls:
  - February 12, 2015: Webinar 9:00 am – 10:30 am CST
  - February 18, 2015: Conference Call 9:00 am – 10:00 am CST
  - February 19, 2015: Conference Call 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm CST

South Dakota performed the following activities related to public notice:

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION**
South Dakota distributed the draft transition plan to all of South Dakota’s nine tribes via e-mail on February 2, 2015. The e-mail contained a letter describing the transition plan, how the plan affects Native Americans in South Dakota, and how to make a comment on the plan. The e-mail also contained a direct link to where the transition plan could be viewed online and
PDF of the transition plan.
South Dakota provided an in-depth presentation of the draft transition plan in advance of the Public Notice period at the January 8, 2015 Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting. South Dakota Medicaid meets with members of South Dakota’s nine tribes each quarter.

PROVIDER, STAKEHOLDER, AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
South Dakota made the draft transition plan available on the Department of Social Services’ website on February 2, 2015. The draft transition plan may be viewed online: http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx. South Dakota made written copies of the transition plan available to individuals who contacted South Dakota Medicaid for assistance. Notice of the transition plan was also given on the Department of Human Service’s website.

South Dakota engaged providers, stakeholders, individuals, and the public during the Public Notice Period. South Dakota distributed the transition plan via e-mail to providers, stakeholders, and others via e-mail on February 2, 2015. A copy of the letter sent to providers is available online: http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx. Additional notice of the transition plan and how to make a comment was sent to stakeholders by the waiver managers of each of South Dakota’s four Medicaid waivers.

South Dakota published notice of the transition plan and comment period in the South Dakota Legislative Research Council Register. Notice was provided every week during the public notice period:

Notice of the transition plan was also published in three newspapers around the state. On February 4, 2015, notice was published in the Watertown Public Opinion and the Rapid City Journal. On February 5, 2015, notice was published in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

The Department of Social Services and the Department of Human Services created posters advertising the transition plan and providing information on how to make a comment. The posters were hung in all 63 DSS local offices. DSS and DHS additionally requested providers hang the posters in a public place in their setting. Examples of the posters are shown below.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR PLAN SUBMITTED 3/12/2015
South Dakota responded to all comments received during the formal public notice period. As a result of comments received, South Dakota added additional narration to the CHOICES section of the transition plan. No other changes were made to the transition plan. South Dakota received favorable feedback from Tribal Consultation and letters of support from multiple provider and stakeholder groups. Comments are summarized by subject area; similar comments are summarized together.

SETTINGS SUBJECT TO HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY
Several stakeholders commented on the necessity of settings that are also long term care facilities located in rural locations or towns. Commenters offered anecdotal evidence of the need in their communities and questioned how they can relay the information to the State and CMS during the heightened scrutiny review process. A few stakeholders commented that more flexibility regarding the classification of beds is needed for settings in remote areas where skilled nursing facilities are located but no assisted living options exist.

South Dakota agrees that these facilities are necessary and exist to fill a need in rural and remote communities. South Dakota will work closely with providers prior to the 2016 HCBS (ASA) Waiver renewal to document justification of these settings.

PRIVACY
Several stakeholders commented on the requirement for facilities to provide locking doors. Commenters questioned how they should implement this requirement for individuals who may not be capable of locking a door. Commenters questioned what documentation would be required in a care plan when an individual was not capable of locking a door.

South Dakota responded that all individuals should be able to lock their door. South Dakota explained that modifications to this requirement will be allowed when there is a specific and assessed need. The Department of Social Services will provide more detailed information about state expectations for care plan documentation through education outlined in the action steps in the transition plan.

Several stakeholders commented that they do not offer private rooms in their facility and were concerned they would be required to offer private rooms.

The federal rules require an individual to have a choice among setting options with private and shared bedrooms. South Dakota will ensure this requirement is met from a state perspective as stated in the transition plan.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY
One stakeholder commented that physical accessibility in homes in the community can be an issue in the CHOICES waiver; more individuals could move from larger settings if more homes were accessible.

South Dakota agrees and supports opportunities for smaller home sizes through the activities of the DHS Financial Workgroup as well as DHS’s continuous quality improvement strategies.

One stakeholder commented that there should be regular maintenance and upgrades made to CSP facilities.

South Dakota agrees; the Department of Human Services will continue to partner with the South Dakota Department of
Health and providers to review facilities.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
Several stakeholders commented on the requirements related to access to food. Commenters were concerned that some individuals may choose to eat exclusively in their rooms and will miss out on benefits from movement and social interaction in the shared dining experience. Other stakeholders expressed concern about the new requirements and individuals who may have dietary restrictions.

South Dakota agrees that meal times are a valuable opportunity for social interaction and mobility, especially for individuals living in Assisted Livings; however, residential settings should reflect a home-like atmosphere which includes the opportunity to eat alone if the individual chooses. South Dakota will expect dietary restrictions to appear in a care plan as a modification. South Dakota will provide more detailed guidance to providers about state and federal expectations when this action step is implemented.

Several stakeholders commented that requiring a posted grievance policy is not conducive to a home-like environment. One commenter suggested that individuals should be educated regarding grievance procedures and their right to have an advocate file a grievance on their behalf.

South Dakota agrees that posted grievance policies do not reflect a typical home environment. The Department of Human Services currently requires all individuals to receive notification about how to make a complaint during the annual care plan meeting with the individual. South Dakota will continue to seek guidance from CMS about how to meet this requirement and maintain a home-like environment.

Several stakeholders commented that HUD signs are required to be posted in front of homes and are identifiable as homes for individuals with disabilities.

South Dakota agrees. South Dakota will continue to seek guidance from CMS about how to meet this requirement and maintain a home-like environment.

Several stakeholders commented that they would like to see more options for integrated living opportunities in the CHOICES waiver, including individuals living with more typical peers.

South Dakota asked for clarification in regards to what was meant by “typical peers.” Stakeholders responded that they meant individuals with similar disabilities living together. The Department of Human Services supports integrated living environments that are determined through informed choice and person-centered planning.

One stakeholder would like to see more technology utilized in homes.

South Dakota agrees that technology promotes integrated living opportunities. DHS explained to stakeholders the implementation of a technology pilot that is currently in the planning phase.

One stakeholder requested language in a lease contain simple and understandable terms for guardians and self-advocates. The commenter also suggested CSP facilitated education regarding South Dakota tenant/landlord laws for individuals.

South Dakota agrees that individuals should have access to lease requirements in terms that are simple and understandable. South Dakota supports education for individuals regarding their rights. These concerns will be addressed through action steps identified in the transition plan.

One stakeholder questioned if a formal lease was necessary.

South Dakota believes that individuals served by an HCBS wavier must have the same protections afforded to individuals under South Dakota’s tenant/landlord laws.

One stakeholder commented that individuals’ lives could be improved if individuals were aware of their ability to request rights restrictions be lifted and were provided supports to challenge rights restrictions decisions.

South Dakota agrees that individuals benefit from living in the least restrictive environment. During the annual care planning process, self-advocates and their families are educated about how to submit a grievance to the provider or the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
Several stakeholders commented on the challenges associated with transportation, especially in rural areas. Stakeholders noted that public transit is not always immediately available. Stakeholders noted transportation needs limit community involvement.

South Dakota agrees that finding transportation to meet individuals’ immediate needs can be challenging. South Dakota encourages providers to connect individuals with community organizations and emphasize natural supports to meet transportation needs. The Department of Social Services plans to perform further analysis in this area as stated in the transition plan.

Several stakeholders commented on increasing the use of natural supports to engage individuals in the community. Commenters suggested using more community resources and volunteer opportunities to increase community involvement.

South Dakota agrees and encourages providers to find ways to utilize natural supports to support community integration and involvement. South Dakota will provide education to Assisted Living and Community Support Providers on best practices and strategies for increasing the use of natural supports as stated in the transition plan. South Dakota also supports the use of existing community resources to support community integration.

Several stakeholders commented about the need to engage individuals and families early about opportunities for employment and connection to other community resources.
South Dakota agrees that families benefit from early engagement regarding opportunities for employment and connection to other resources in the community.

One stakeholder commented that self-care is important and that providers should help individuals be clean and find appropriate clothing to wear in the community.

South Dakota agrees that education and supports related to self-care is important, but also emphasizes individual choice in apparel and appearance.

Several commenters expressed the need to work with more employers and job coaches to find more opportunities to employ individuals with disabilities. Commenters expressed the need for more creative thinking.

South Dakota is already pursuing action in this area through the Employment Works Initiative. South Dakota will continue to work on this area throughout the transition plan period.

One commenter expressed concern that individuals with disabilities will lose opportunities for employment if a sub-minimum wage is revoked.

South Dakota responded that that conversation is happening at the federal level and is outside the scope of the transition plan.

One stakeholder commented that requirements to pursue employment before day programs may be too much and that some individuals may not be employable.

South Dakota responded that federal regulation requires states to pursue vocational rehab prior to accessing supports within a segregated workshop.

**STAFFING AND FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

Several stakeholders commented that the new requirements may make it more time intensive for staff to care for individuals. Commenters expressed the need for more staff and that there are challenges associated with funding limitations.

Several commenters expressed the need for the state and federal government to make more funding available for staffing.

South Dakota discussed opportunities for utilizing natural supports and shared living to address individuals’ needs in the community and reduce reliance on paid staff. South Dakota will address natural supports through action steps in the transition plan.

One stakeholder commented that Community Support Providers need oversight to ensure proper training is being provided to all workers who support individuals with disabilities.

South Dakota provides oversight of CSPs to ensure that pre-service, in-service, and continuing education requirements are met.

Several stakeholders commented about high staff turnover in Community Support Providers.

South Dakota discussed opportunities for utilizing natural supports, shared living, and technology as ways to reduce reliance on paid staff.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Several stakeholders commented that they would like to see increased communication between providers across the state to share best practices, connections, and to promote more consistency between providers serving the CHOICES waiver.

The Department of Human Services is developing a secure platform within the DHS website for providers to exchange best practices, communication, and connections. DHS invited providers to raise best practices on the monthly webinar series.

One stakeholder commented that although individuals seem satisfied with current services, individuals may benefit from increased exposure to new experiences.

South Dakota agrees and will implement this through action steps in the transition plan.

Several stakeholders requested additional clarification in the CHOICES waiver section regarding assessment results.

South Dakota added additional narrative in the CHOICES waiver section in response to questions about assessment results.

One commenter requested that results include a comparison of community support provider agencies.

South Dakota is not releasing individual provider information at this time.

One stakeholder questioned if assessments were applicable to real living environments.

South Dakota developed the assessments based on guidance from the CMS Toolkit prepared for the federal regulations.

Several stakeholders questioned where conflict-free case management fits into the transition plan.

South Dakota responded that although conflict-free case management is a requirement of the federal regulation it is not a requirement of the transition plan.

**STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT**

Stakeholders and individuals expressed satisfaction with the assessment and the transition plan process. Individuals expressed satisfaction with the work of the state and providers; commenters said that results appear to be an accurate reflection of services.

South Dakota appreciates the statements of support.

Community Support Providers of South Dakota, South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, South Dakota Advocacy Services, South Dakota Health Care Association, and South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities submitted statements of support for South Dakota’s Statewide HCBS Transition Plan. Associations indicated that they were pleased with actions by the Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services that engaged providers, stakeholders, and individuals throughout the transition plan process.
South Dakota appreciates the statements of support.

MARCH 2016 PUBLIC INPUT AND PUBLIC NOTICE

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South Dakota provided a presentation on the changes to the transition plan in advance of the Public Notice period at the January 12, 2016 Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting. South Dakota Medicaid meets with members of South Dakota’s nine tribes each quarter.

PROVIDER, STAKEHOLDER, AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
South Dakota made the draft transition plan and a document describing the changes to the transition plan available on the Department of Social Services’ website on February 29, 2016. The draft transition plan may be viewed online: http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx. South Dakota made written copies of the transition plan available to individuals who contacted South Dakota Medicaid for assistance. Notice of the transition plan was also given on the Department of Human Service’s website.

South Dakota engaged providers, stakeholders, individuals, and the public during the Public Notice Period. South Dakota distributed the transition plan and an overview of the changes to the plan via e-mail to providers, stakeholders, and others on February 29, 2016. A copy of the letter sent to providers is available online: http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx.

Additional notice of the transition plan and how to make a comment was sent to stakeholders by the waiver managers of South Dakota’s four Medicaid waivers.


The Department of Social Services created posters advertising the transition plan and providing information on how to make a comment. The posters were hung in all 63 DSS local offices. DSS and DHS additionally requested providers hang the posters in a public place in provider owned and operated settings. An example of the poster is shown below. The Department of Human Services also provided information about the plan and opportunities to make a comment via social media. Information about opportunities to make a comment and how to view the plan were distributed on the Department’s Facebook page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR PLAN SUBMITTED 4/6/2016
South Dakota responded to all comments received during the formal public notice period. As a result of additional clarifying information from CMS during the Public Notice Period, South Dakota revised the number of setting subject to heightened scrutiny review to not include settings adjacent to private institutions. Based on comments received, DSS and DHS added information about future opportunities for comment, direct links to lists of providers; and additional information about the individual interviews performed by DSS and DHS during the validation process. No other changes were made to the transition plan. South Dakota received favorable feedback from Tribal Consultation and providers. Comments are summarized by subject area; similar comments are summarized together.

Conflict Free Case Management
Several stakeholders asked if the Transition Plan was related to Conflict Free Case Management.
South Dakota explained that Conflict Free Case Management is a component of the Final Rule, but is separate from the
HCBS Transition Plan. South Dakota directed stakeholders to Conflict Free Case Management information for the CHOICES and ADLS waivers.

Next Steps
Several stakeholders requested information on next steps for the action steps in the transition plan and heightened scrutiny. South Dakota explained that the revised transition plan will be submitted to CMS and South Dakota will continue to work on the action items in the timeframes specified in the transition plan. DSS will work to gather additional information relative to heightened scrutiny over the next several months. Once the state has completed analysis of those settings, the state will hold a public comment period on the settings before submission of the heightened scrutiny settings to CMS.

Statewide Transition Plan and Waiver Programs in South Dakota
Several commenters asked how the transition plan would change waiver programs in South Dakota and how the transition plan affected each waiver. South Dakota gave an overview of the final rule and the intent to ensure individuals receiving HCBS have full access to the benefits of living in the community. South Dakota explained that the transition plan applies to all four HCBS waivers, but many of the provisions are specific to provider owned and operated settings, so many of the actions steps are focused on settings in the CHOICES and HCBS(ASA) waivers.

Several stakeholders expressed concern that the HCBS regulations would negatively affect the care of waiver recipients currently receive. One commenter expressed concern that the regulations were made by individuals far removed from the hands-on work of providing care and that providers and provider staff are already doing the best they can for individuals with disabilities.

South Dakota understands the concerns raised by the stakeholders. DSS and DHS are working with providers to continue to provide quality services for individuals while ensuring compliance with the final rule.

Several commenters requested additional information about the differences between South Dakota’s four Home and Community Based Services Waivers.
South Dakota gave a brief explanation of the differences and connected the commenters with the waiver managers for additional information and clarifying questions.

Settings in South Dakota
One commenter requested that DSS/DHS provide information about which settings will be assessed under the review process. South Dakota updated the transition plan with hyperlinks to websites where individuals and stakeholders may obtain a list of Assisted Livings Providers, Adult Day Providers and Community Support Providers.

Setting Classification and Provider
One commenter suggested that the process and associated public comment periods be more clearly explained in an effort to facilitate better understanding about timelines and the comment process associated with steps in the transition process.
South Dakota added additional information regarding future opportunities for comment and information about waiver specific transition plans and the opportunity for individuals to comment on a waiver specific transition plan. South Dakota also added information about how the federal regulations are a requirement for any new provider and that all providers will be expected to be fully compliant with the federal regulations at the end of the transition plan period in March 2019.

Provider Compliance
One commenter suggested that the state provide additional information about the timeline for providers to come into compliance with the federal regulations.
South Dakota will follow the timelines outlined in the Implementation Milestones section of this Transition Plan. All providers will be expected to be 100% compliant by the end of the transition plan period in March 2019.

Provider Self-Assessments & State Staff Assessments
One commenter requested information about additional assessment steps after the initial provider self-assessment and staff assessment. South Dakota will assess provider compliance with the action steps outlined in this transition plan. Additionally, South Dakota will incorporate the federal requirements into on-going reviews of settings, including but not limited to ombudsman visits, on-site reviews, and annual care plan meetings with individuals. All providers must be fully compliant at the end of the transition plan period in March 2019.

Transportation
One commenter noted that transportation can often be a barrier to accessing the community and requested that the state work to ensure providers are planning and promoting community integration by providing, planning, or facilitating transportation opportunities.
South Dakota will address transportation through action steps outlined in this plan.

Appendix A: Waiver Administration and Operation
1. **State Line of Authority for Waiver Operation.** Specify the state line of authority for the operation of the waiver (select one):

- The waiver is operated by the State Medicaid agency.
  
  Specify the Medicaid agency division/unit that has line authority for the operation of the waiver program (select one):
  
  - The Medical Assistance Unit.

    Specify the unit name:

    *(Do not complete item A-2)*

- Another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency that is separate from the Medical Assistance Unit.

  Specify the division/unit name. This includes administrations/divisions under the umbrella agency that has been identified as the Single State Medicaid Agency.

  *(Complete item A-2-a).*

- The waiver is operated by a separate agency of the State that is not a division/unit of the Medicaid agency.

  Specify the division/unit name:

  **Department of Human Services Division of Long Term Services and Supports**

  In accordance with 42 CFR §431.10, the Medicaid agency exercises administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the waiver and issues policies, rules and regulations related to the waiver. The interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding that sets forth the authority and arrangements for this policy is available through the Medicaid agency to CMS upon request. *(Complete item A-2-b).*

**Appendix A: Waiver Administration and Operation**

2. **Oversight of Performance.**

   a. **Medicaid Director Oversight of Performance When the Waiver is Operated by another Division/Unit within the State Medicaid Agency.** When the waiver is operated by another division/administration within the umbrella agency designated as the Single State Medicaid Agency. Specify (a) the functions performed by that division/administration (i.e., the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Single State Medicaid Agency), (b) the document utilized to outline the roles and responsibilities related to waiver operation, and (c) the methods that are employed by the designated State Medicaid Director (in some instances, the head of umbrella agency) in the oversight of these activities:

   As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

   *(b)* **Medicaid Agency Oversight of Operating Agency Performance.** When the waiver is not operated by the Medicaid agency, specify the functions that are expressly delegated through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other written document, and indicate the frequency of review and update for that document. Specify the methods that the Medicaid agency uses to ensure that the operating agency performs its assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify the frequency of Medicaid agency assessment of operating agency performance:

   The Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Long Term Services and Supports operates the HOPE Waiver. The Department of Human Services/Division of Long Term Service and Supports is a separate executive branch agency from the Department of Social Services (DSS), which is the designated Single State Medicaid Agency (SSMA). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Cabinet
Secretary of each department sets forth the responsibilities of each department.

DSS, to exercise administrative authority and supervision of the waiver, is responsible:

• To pay DHS Medicaid claims through the DSS Medicaid Management Information System;
• To approve the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver programs operated by DHS and submit approved waiver requests to the federal government;
• To monitor DHS operation of HCBS Waiver programs through review of annual reports detailing: dissemination of information concerning the programs to potential participants; assistance offered to prospective participants in enrolling; management of waiver enrollment and expenditures against approved limits; evaluation of level of care against federal and state standards; review of waiver payment amounts or rates; and review of participant service plans to ensure all waiver requirements are met;
• To review changes proposed by DHS in DSS Medicaid regulations; to make recommendations to DHS regarding compliance with federal statutes, rules, and regulations; and to submit changes in Medicaid rules and regulations proposed by DHS in accordance with South Dakota’s Administrative Procedures Act;
• To review and approve Medicaid State Plan amendments proposed by DHS and to forward approved amendments to the federal government;
• To furnish DHS on a timely and regular basis with such reports and information as may be required to ensure that DHS can satisfy state and federal fiscal responsibility requirements;
• To seek review and comment from DHS prior to the promulgation of any rules, regulations, or standards that may affect the services, programs, or providers of services for eligible individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and adults who have quadriplegia;
• To assist DHS as requested in maintaining the rate-setting and financial accountability standards required by CMS. DSS serving as the SSMA has provided through approved rate setting and financial accountability assurances to the federal government that Title XIX funds are used for the sole purpose of providing Title XIX services;
• To provide assurance to the federal government by completing random reviews of the reported Title XIX expenditures;
• To maintain the State's Title XIX Medicaid Administrative Rules chapter and to have primary responsibility for the State's Title XIX State Plan;
• To maintain primary responsibility for the Title XIX eligibility determination process;
• To perform the administrative hearings process for DHS when the issue is Title XIX-related;
• To immediately forward all proposed hearing decisions regarding non-financial eligibility issues for the Title XIX Medicaid Waiver Programs administered by DHS to the Cabinet Secretary of DHS for review prior to the issuance of a final decision. Unless contrary to the rules relating to the time limit for issuance of final decisions, DSS will give DHS seven days upon receipt of the proposed decision to review and submit comments to DSS regarding the proposed decision. If the review must be completed in less than seven days, DSS will promptly notify DHS of the necessary timeframe for review;
• To immediately notify and forward requests for a hearing regarding non-financial eligibility issues for the Title XIX Medicaid Waiver Programs administered by DHS to the Division Director within DHS who administers the program. The Title XIX programs are Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded or Developmentally Disabled (ICF/MR-DD); Home and Community-Based Services; and Assistive Daily Living Services for Individuals with Quadriplegia; and
• To make disability determinations through the DSS Disability Incapacity Consultation Teams.

As the SSMA, DSS will continue its role with regard to federal reporting and cost allocation matters involving Title XIX. The primary reason for this is that the United States Department of Health and Human Services looks to the SSMA for one set of reports from each state on Title XIX projected and actual expenditures. In addition, the SSMA has responsibility for drawing all Title XIX cash from the United States Treasury for each state. DSS fiscal staff will continue to be responsible for the following financial activities:

• Preparation and submission of quarterly projections of Title XIX expenditures for future quarters to the federal government;
• Preparation and submission of federally mandated reports of actual Title XIX expenditures to the federal government;
• Explanation of variances between projected and actual Title XIX expenditures to the federal government;
• Drawdown of all Federal Title XIX cash for the state;
• Review of cost allocation plans involving Title XIX funding prior to submission to the federal government; and
• Review of responses to federal reviews and audits involving Title XIX prior to submission to the federal government.
government.

DHS, to exercise operational authority and supervision of the waiver, will have the responsibility:
• To develop regulations for new or revised DHS program objectives; to present and defend Medicaid regulations proposed by DHS to the Legislative Research Council and the Interim Rules Review Committee;
• To notify the State Medicaid Director (SMD) and seek review and comment from the SMD or designee on new or proposed changes to Title XIX Medicaid Waiver Programs and changes in regulations or standards of existing programs so DSS may assess the administrative and financial impact on the Medicaid budget;
• To develop proposed Medicaid State Plan and Waiver amendments as required for DHS Title XIX programs and services and to submit such proposals, along with summary information on proposed changes, to DSS for review, approval and submission to CMS;
• To provide documentation and assurances to DSS supporting appropriate expenditures and related nonfederal match (including that provided by local school districts) of Title XIX funds as a provision of accepting those funds;
• To meet sub-recipient audit requirements of the Single Audit Act and associated OMB Circular A-133;
• To maintain program standards and to monitor the provision of services to individuals age 65 or older or individuals age 18 or older with a qualify disability
• To conduct financial recoveries necessitated by erroneous, fraudulent or abusive practices by DHS providers and to work with DSS on proper handling of these recoveries;
• To accept total responsibility for that portion of the state's federally-established quality control error rate resulting from DHS errors, including any financial penalties and development of appropriate corrective action;
• To accept total responsibility should there be federal audit exceptions related to DHS' involvement with Title XIX Medicaid funding;
• To assist in the resolution of pended and denied claims;
• To cooperate with DSS and the SMD in the administration of the Medicaid Program; to comply with all rules and regulations governing the Medicaid Program; to provide information necessary for DSS to function effectively as the SSMA;
• To operate all approved DHS HCBS waiver programs in compliance with all federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations, and provide reports detailing program implementation, participants served, and other performance measures specified by DSS;
• To work cooperatively with DSS as the administrative authority when implementing HCBS waiver changes, amendments and renewals initiated by DHS as the operating agency; and
• To review all proposed hearing decisions regarding non-financial eligibility issues for the Title XIX Medicaid Waiver Programs administered by DHS and submit any comments or recommendations within seven days of receipt of the proposed decision. If compliance with timeframes set in rules regarding issuance of a final order require a quicker response time, DHS will comply with the necessary response time upon receipt of notice of such from DSS.
• DHS calculates waiver payment amounts and/or rates in preparation for waiver application/renewal and submission of the 372 report to CMS. This information is then sent to the SSMA for review and approval/denial.

Quarterly Internal Waiver Review Committee meetings are held between the State Medicaid Agency and all State of South Dakota HCBS Waiver Program Managers. The Internal Waiver Review Committee (IWRC) is comprised of the HCBS Waiver Program Managers of each of the four HCBS waivers in South Dakota, a representative from the Division of Medical Services (the Medicaid Agency) and other representatives from the DSS and the DHS. At quarterly IWRC meetings, HCBS Waiver Program Managers present information about trends in data, renewal application or amendment progress, and areas of concern. The IWRC quarterly meeting minutes are maintained by the Medicaid Agency.

During the period prior to waiver application/renewal, DSS and DHS meet jointly to collaborate in completing each of the appendices of the new waiver template. DHS is responsible for drafting and forwarding each appendix to DSS, to include the state Medicaid Director (SMD), Director of Economic Assistance, and the Chief Financial Officer, for review and approval/denial.

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3. **Use of Contracted Entities.** Specify whether contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable) (select one):

- **Yes.** Contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or operating agency (if applicable).
  Specify the types of contracted entities and briefly describe the functions that they perform. Complete Items A-5 and A-6:

- **No.** Contracted entities do not perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable).

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4. **Role of Local/Regional Non-State Entities.** Indicate whether local or regional non-state entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions and, if so, specify the type of entity (Select One):

- **Not applicable**

- **Applicable** - Local/regional non-state agencies perform waiver operational and administrative functions.
  Check each that applies:

  - **Local/Regional non-state public agencies** perform waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is an interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding between the State and these agencies that sets forth responsibilities and performance requirements for these agencies that is available through the Medicaid agency.

  Specify the nature of these agencies and complete items A-5 and A-6:

  - **Local/Regional non-governmental non-state entities** conduct waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is a contract between the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (when authorized by the Medicaid agency) and each local/regional non-state entity that sets forth the responsibilities and performance requirements of the local/regional entity. The contract(s) under which private entities conduct waiver operational functions are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

  Specify the nature of these entities and complete items A-5 and A-6:

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5. **Responsibility for Assessment of Performance of Contracted and/or Local/Regional Non-State Entities.** Specify the state agency or agencies responsible for assessing the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities in conducting waiver operational and administrative functions:

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6. **Assessment Methods and Frequency.** Describe the methods that are used to assess the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities to ensure that they perform assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify how frequently the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities is assessed:
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7. Distribution of Waiver Operational and Administrative Functions. In the following table, specify the entity or entities that have responsibility for conducting each of the waiver operational and administrative functions listed (check each that applies):

In accordance with 42 CFR §431.10, when the Medicaid agency does not directly conduct a function, it supervises the performance of the function and establishes and/or approves policies that affect the function. All functions not performed directly by the Medicaid agency must be delegated in writing and monitored by the Medicaid Agency.

Note: More than one box may be checked per item. Ensure that Medicaid is checked when the Single State Medicaid Agency (1) conducts the function directly; (2) supervises the delegated function; and/or (3) establishes and/or approves policies related to the function.

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Quality Improvement: Administrative Authority of the Single State Medicaid Agency

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Administrative Authority

The Medicaid Agency retains ultimate administrative authority and responsibility for the operation of the waiver program by exercising oversight of the performance of waiver functions by other state and local/regional non-state agencies (if appropriate) and contracted entities.

i. Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Performance measures for administrative authority should not duplicate measures found in other appendices of the waiver application. As necessary and applicable, performance measures should focus on:

- Uniformity of development/execution of provider agreements throughout all geographic areas covered by the waiver
- Equitable distribution of waiver openings in all geographic areas covered by the waiver
Compliance with HCB settings requirements and other new regulatory components (for waiver actions submitted on or after March 17, 2014)

Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
The number and percent of new applicants enrolled by the operating agency according to 67:44:03. Numerator: Number and percent of new applicants enrolled by operating agency per SSMA procedures. Denominator: Total new applicants enrolled.

Data Source (Select one):
Other
If 'Other' is selected, specify:
FileDirector, a document reviewing system, SAMS database and MMIS.

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### Performance Measure:
The number and percent of waiver participants that are maintained within approved waiver limits by operating agency. Numerator: The total number of waiver participants. Denominator: The total number of participants approved in the waiver.

### Data Source

(Select one):
- [ ] Other
  If 'Other' is selected, specify:
  - [ ] MMIS

### Sampling Approach

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**Performance Measure:**
The number and percent of waiver expenditures that are maintained within approved waiver limits by operating agency. Numerator: The total waiver expenditures. Denominator: The total waiver expenditures approved in the waiver.

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Performance Measure:
The number and percent of service plans exceeding the cost of nursing facility care that were approved according to the exceptions process. Numerator: The number and percent of service plans exceeding the cost of nursing facility care that were approved according to the exceptions process. Denominator: The number of service plans exceeding the cost of nursing facility care

Data Source (Select one):
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If 'Other' is selected, specify:
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b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS), the single State Medicaid Agency retains ultimate administrative authority and responsibility for the entire operation of the HOPE Waiver. If individual problems are identified in the administration of this waiver or within Long Term Services and Supports, performance of specific delegated waiver functions, identified problems will be remediated between the State Medicaid Agency and the Division of Long Term Services and Supports. A meeting(s) to address and reach a resolution to identified problems will be held which may also generate changes to the design of the waiver and methods of implementation. If the problems identified are the result of the ineffectiveness of one individual LTSS staff member, said staff member will receive additional training and/or have personnel action initiated depending on the scope of the identified problem(s).

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation
Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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c. Timelines
When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Administrative Authority that are currently non-operational.

☐ No
☐ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Administrative Authority, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-1: Specification of the Waiver Target Group(s)

a. Target Group(s). Under the waiver of Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act, the State limits waiver services to one or more groups or subgroups of individuals. Please see the instruction manual for specifics regarding age limits. In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(6), select one or more waiver target groups, check each of the subgroups in the selected target group(s) that may receive services under the waiver, and specify the minimum and maximum (if any) age of individuals served in each subgroup:

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b. **Additional Criteria.** The State further specifies its target group(s) as follows:

c. **Transition of Individuals Affected by Maximum Age Limitation.** When there is a maximum age limit that applies to individuals who may be served in the waiver, describe the transition planning procedures that are undertaken on behalf of participants affected by the age limit *(select one)*:

- Not applicable. There is no maximum age limit
- The following transition planning procedures are employed for participants who will reach the waiver's maximum age limit.

*Specify:*

Consumers under age 65 with a qualifying disability who enter the waiver and reach the age limit have the option of continuing services in the "aged" target group. If a consumer chooses to remain on waiver services, no transition would be necessary. If a consumer chooses to leave waiver services at any time, an LTSS Specialist will assist in transitioning the consumer to alternative, community-based services or as appropriate to meet the consumer’s needs, to another waiver program.

**Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**

**B-2: Individual Cost Limit (1 of 2)**

a. **Individual Cost Limit.** The following individual cost limit applies when determining whether to deny home and community-based services or entrance to the waiver to an otherwise eligible individual *(select one).* Please note that a State may have only ONE individual cost limit for the purposes of determining eligibility for the waiver:

- **No Cost Limit.** The State does not apply an individual cost limit. *Do not complete Item B-2-b or item B-2-c.*
- **Cost Limit in Excess of Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver up to an amount specified by the State. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

*The limit specified by the State is *(select one)*:

- A level higher than 100% of the institutional average.
  
  *Specify the percentage:*

- **Other**
  
  *Specify:*
Institutional Cost Limit. Pursuant to 42 CFR 441.301(a)(3), the State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed 100% of the cost of the level of care specified for the waiver. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.

Cost Limit Lower Than Institutional Costs. The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise qualified individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the following amount specified by the State that is less than the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver.

Specify the basis of the limit, including evidence that the limit is sufficient to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.

The cost limit specified by the State is (select one):

- The following dollar amount:
  Specify dollar amount: 

  The dollar amount (select one)
  - Is adjusted each year that the waiver is in effect by applying the following formula:
    Specify the formula:
  - May be adjusted during the period the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to adjust the dollar amount.
  - The following percentage that is less than 100% of the institutional average:
    Specify percent: 
  - Other:
    Specify:

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B-2: Individual Cost Limit (2 of 2)

Answers provided in Appendix B-2-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

b. Method of Implementation of the Individual Cost Limit. When an individual cost limit is specified in Item B-2-a, specify the procedures that are followed to determine in advance of waiver entrance that the individual's health and welfare can be assured within the cost limit:
c. **Participant Safeguards.** When the State specifies an individual cost limit in Item B-2-a and there is a change in the participant's condition or circumstances post-entrance to the waiver that requires the provision of services in an amount that exceeds the cost limit in order to assure the participant's health and welfare, the State has established the following safeguards to avoid an adverse impact on the participant *(check each that applies)*:

- The participant is referred to another waiver that can accommodate the individual's needs.
- Additional services in excess of the individual cost limit may be authorized.

Specify the procedures for authorizing additional services, including the amount that may be authorized:

- Other safeguard(s)

Specify:

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**B-3: Number of Individuals Served (1 of 4)**

a. **Unduplicated Number of Participants.** The following table specifies the maximum number of unduplicated participants who are served in each year that the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to modify the number of participants specified for any year(s), including when a modification is necessary due to legislative appropriation or another reason. The number of unduplicated participants specified in this table is basis for the cost-neutrality calculations in Appendix J:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Waiver Year</th>
<th>Unduplicated Number of Participants</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>1776</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>1834</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>1895</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>1957</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 5</td>
<td>2022</td>
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b. **Limitation on the Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time.** Consistent with the unduplicated number of participants specified in Item B-3-a, the State may limit to a lesser number the number of participants who will be served at any point in time during a waiver year. Indicate whether the State limits the number of participants in this way: *(select one)*:

- ☑ The State does not limit the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.
- ❌ The State limits the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.

The limit that applies to each year of the waiver period is specified in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Waiver Year</th>
<th>Maximum Number of Participants Served At Any Point During the Year</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
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Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-3: Number of Individuals Served (2 of 4)

c. **Reserved Waiver Capacity.** The State may reserve a portion of the participant capacity of the waiver for specified purposes (e.g., provide for the community transition of institutionalized persons or furnish waiver services to individuals experiencing a crisis) subject to CMS review and approval. The State *(select one)*:

- Not applicable. The state does not reserve capacity.
- The State reserves capacity for the following purpose(s).

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served (3 of 4)

d. **Scheduled Phase-In or Phase-Out.** Within a waiver year, the State may make the number of participants who are served subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule *(select one)*:

- The waiver is not subject to a phase-in or a phase-out schedule.
- The waiver is subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule that is included in Attachment #1 to Appendix B-3. This schedule constitutes an intra-year limitation on the number of participants who are served in the waiver.

e. **Allocation of Waiver Capacity.**

*Select one:*

- Waiver capacity is allocated/managed on a statewide basis.
- Waiver capacity is allocated to local/regional non-state entities.

Specify: (a) the entities to which waiver capacity is allocated; (b) the methodology that is used to allocate capacity and how often the methodology is reevaluated; and, (c) policies for the reallocation of unused capacity among local/regional non-state entities:

f. **Selection of Entrants to the Waiver.** Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:

Waiver applications are made to the Department of Social Services. Waiver applications are processed and reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Waiver applicants must meet all eligibility requirements as clarified in the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:44:03. Eligibility requirements in order to receive waiver services per ARSD 67:44:03:02: An individual is eligible for waiver services if the individual is not receiving services under ARSD 67:54:04 or 67:54:09 and meets the following requirements:

1. The individual is age 65 or older or is over the age of 18 with a qualifying disability;
2. The individual is receiving Supplemental Security Income or has an income level within 300% of the Supplemental Security Income standard benefit amount as provided in ARSD 67:46:04:13 and meets the eligibility criteria established in ARSD 67:46:03 or would be...
eligible for Medicaid under ARSD 67:46 if institutionalized;

(3) The medical review team has determined according to ARSD 67:45:01 that the individual meets the nursing facility level of care; and

(4) The individual will reside at home or in an assisted living facility while receiving waiver services.

Additionally, applicable provisions of ARSD 67:46, Eligibility for Medical Services, apply to applicants and recipients of waiver services including administrative rules regarding general provisions; application for long-term care; long-term care eligibility; long-term care income requirements; long-term care resource requirements; community spouses; and long-term care notice requirements.

Per ARSD 67:45:01 a Medical Review Team must determine if the individual requesting long-term care assistance is in need of care. The Level of Care instrument/tool that is employed is the Community Health Assessment (CHA)/Functional Supplement to the CHA and the Physician’s Order.

All initial evaluations of Level of Care for waiver applicants are conducted by a Medical Review Team. The Medical Review Team performs all initial evaluations and reevaluations of Level of Care determinations and is comprised of a Division of Long Term Services and Supports Nurse Consultant, a Registered Nurse licensed to practice in the State of South Dakota, and a Division of Long Term Services and Supports Specialist. When the LTSS Specialist who sits on the Medical Review Team is the one who completes the Community Health Assessment in the case under review, an alternate LTSS Specialist is assigned to assure the Level of Care determination does not include the LTSS Specialist who completed the consumer’s assessment.

All waiver applications are submitted for a Level of Care determination and a financial eligibility determination. Both eligibility determinations must be made in the affirmative before services can be authorized.

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served - Attachment #1 (4 of 4)

Answers provided in Appendix B-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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B-4: Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver

a.  

1. **State Classification.** The State is a *(select one):*
   - ☐ §1634 State
   - ☐ SSI Criteria State
   - ☐ 209(b) State

2. **Miller Trust State.**
   
   Indicate whether the State is a Miller Trust State *(select one):*
   
   - ☐ No
   - ☑ Yes

b. **Medicaid Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver.** Individuals who receive services under this waiver are eligible under the following eligibility groups contained in the State plan. The State applies all applicable federal financial participation limits under the plan. Check all that apply:

   Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver (excluding the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217)

   - ☐ Low income families with children as provided in §1931 of the Act
   - ☑ SSI recipients
   - ☐ Aged, blind or disabled in 209(b) states who are eligible under 42 CFR §435.121
   - ☐ Optional State supplement recipients
Optional categorically needy aged and/or disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

- 100% of the Federal poverty level (FPL)
- % of FPL, which is lower than 100% of FPL.

Specify percentage:

Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (BBA working disabled group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII)) of the Act)

Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act)

Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Medical Improvement Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) of the Act)

Disabled individuals age 18 or younger who would require an institutional level of care (TEFRA 134 eligibility group as provided in §1902(e)(3) of the Act)

Medically needy in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)

Medically needy in 1634 States and SSI Criteria States (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)

Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 Note: When the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 is included, Appendix B-5 must be completed

Select one and complete Appendix B-5.

- No. The State does not furnish waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217. Appendix B-5 is not submitted.
- Yes. The State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217.

Select one:

- All individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217
- Only the following groups of individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217

Check each that applies:

- A special income level equal to:

  Select one:

  - 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
  - A percentage of FBR, which is lower than 300% (42 CFR §435.236)

    Specify percentage:

  - A dollar amount which is lower than 300%.

    Specify dollar amount:

  - Aged, blind and disabled individuals who meet requirements that are more restrictive than the SSI program (42 CFR §435.121)
Medically needy without spenddown in States which also provide Medicaid to recipients of SSI
(42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
Medically needy without spend down in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
Aged and disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

- 100% of FPL
- % of FPL, which is lower than 100%

Specify percentage amount:

Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (1 of 7)

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.303(e), Appendix B-5 must be completed when the State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217, as indicated in Appendix B-4. Post-eligibility applies only to the 42 CFR §435.217 group.

a. Use of Spousal Impoverishment Rules. Indicate whether spousal impoverishment rules are used to determine eligibility for the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217:

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State uses spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act. Complete Items B-5-e (if the selection for B-4-a-i is SSI State or §1634) or B-5-f (if the selection for B-4-a-i is 209b State) and Item B-5-g unless the state indicates that it also uses spousal post-eligibility rules for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018 (select one):

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State elects to (select one):
  - Use spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act. (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State) and Item B-5-d)
  - Use regular post-eligibility rules under 42 CFR §435.726 (SSI State) or under §435.735 (209b State) (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are not used to determine eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. The State uses regular post-eligibility rules for individuals with a community spouse. (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)
### B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (2 of 7)

**Note:** The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

**b. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: SSI State.**

The State uses the post-eligibility rules at 42 CFR 435.726 for individuals who do not have a spouse or have a spouse who is not a community spouse as specified in §1924 of the Act. Payment for home and community-based waiver services is reduced by the amount remaining after deducting the following allowances and expenses from the waiver participant's income:

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<tr>
<th>Allowance for the needs of the waiver participant (select one):</th>
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<tr>
<td>○ The following standard included under the State plan</td>
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<td>Select one:</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ SSI standard</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ Optional State supplement standard</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ Medically needy income standard</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ The special income level for institutionalized persons</td>
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<tr>
<td>(select one):</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ A percentage of the FBR, which is less than 300%</td>
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<td>Specify the percentage:</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ A dollar amount which is less than 300%.</td>
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<td>Specify dollar amount:</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ A percentage of the Federal poverty level</td>
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<td>Specify percentage:</td>
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<tr>
<td>○ Other standard included under the State Plan</td>
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<td>Specify:</td>
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<tr>
<td>A consumer living in his/her own home will be allowed an amount equal to 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).</td>
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<tr>
<td>A consumer living in an Assisted Living will be allowed an amount equal to the SSI standard benefit plus $20. If the applicant/recipient is employed an additional amount of $75 per month or the gross amount earned, whichever is less, may be added to the personal needs allowance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>○ The following dollar amount</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specify dollar amount:</td>
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<tr>
<td>If this amount changes, this item will be revised.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>○ The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:</td>
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<td>Specify:</td>
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<td>○ Other</td>
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<td>Specify:</td>
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ii. Allowance for the spouse only (select one):

- Not Applicable
- The state provides an allowance for a spouse who does not meet the definition of a community spouse in §1924 of the Act. Describe the circumstances under which this allowance is provided:

  Specify:

Specify the amount of the allowance (select one):

- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The following dollar amount:

  Specify dollar amount:  If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The amount is determined using the following formula:

  Specify:

iii. Allowance for the family (select one):

- Not Applicable (see instructions)
- AFDC need standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The following dollar amount:

  Specify dollar amount:  The amount specified cannot exceed the higher of the need standard for a family of the same size used to determine eligibility under the State's approved AFDC plan or the medically needy income standard established under 42 CFR §435.811 for a family of the same size. If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The amount is determined using the following formula:

  Specify:

- Other

  Specify:

iv. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 §CFR 435.726:

  a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State’s Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

- **Not Applicable (see instructions)** Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.
- The State does not establish reasonable limits.
- The State establishes the following reasonable limits

Specify:

Only those necessary medical or remedial care services prescribed by a physician that are not covered by Medicaid or any third party and incurred during a period which is no more than three months prior to the month of current application will be allowed as an income deduction.

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**B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (3 of 7)**

*Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.*

c. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: 209(B) State.

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

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**B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (4 of 7)**

*Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.*

d. Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income Using Spousal Impoverishment Rules

The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care if it determines the individual's eligibility under §1924 of the Act. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

i. Allowance for the personal needs of the waiver participant

*(select one):*

- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The special income level for institutionalized persons
- A percentage of the Federal poverty level

Specify percentage:

The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: [ ] If this amount changes, this item will be revised

The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:
Specify formula:

- Other

Specify:

A consumer living in his/her own home will be allowed an amount equal to 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).

A consumer living in an Assisted Living will be allowed an amount equal to the SSI standard benefit plus $20. If the applicant/recipient is employed an additional amount of $75 per month or the gross amount earned, whichever is less, may be added to the personal needs allowance.

ii. If the allowance for the personal needs of a waiver participant with a community spouse is different from the amount used for the individual's maintenance allowance under 42 CFR §435.726 or 42 CFR §435.735, explain why this amount is reasonable to meet the individual's maintenance needs in the community.

Select one:

- Allowance is the same
- Allowance is different.

Explanation of difference:

iii. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 CFR §435.726:

a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

- Not Applicable (see instructions) Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.
- The State does not establish reasonable limits.
- The State uses the same reasonable limits as are used for regular (non-spousal) post-eligibility.

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B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (5 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate the selections in B-5-b also apply to B-5-e.

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B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (6 of 7)
Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (7 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate the selections in B-5-d also apply to B-5-g.

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B-6: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

As specified in 42 CFR §441.302(c), the State provides for an evaluation (and periodic reevaluations) of the need for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual may need such services in the near future (one month or less), but for the availability of home and community-based waiver services.

a. Reasonable Indication of Need for Services. In order for an individual to be determined to need waiver services, an individual must require: (a) the provision of at least one waiver service, as documented in the service plan, and (b) the provision of waiver services at least monthly or, if the need for services is less than monthly, the participant requires regular monthly monitoring which must be documented in the service plan. Specify the State's policies concerning the reasonable indication of the need for services:

i. Minimum number of services.

The minimum number of waiver services (one or more) that an individual must require in order to be determined to need waiver services is: 1

ii. Frequency of services. The State requires (select one):

○ The provision of waiver services at least monthly

○ Monthly monitoring of the individual when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis

If the State also requires a minimum frequency for the provision of waiver services other than monthly (e.g., quarterly), specify the frequency:

b. Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations. Level of care evaluations and reevaluations are performed (select one):

○ Directly by the Medicaid agency

○ By the operating agency specified in Appendix A

○ By an entity under contract with the Medicaid agency.

Specify the entity:
c. **Qualifications of Individuals Performing Initial Evaluation:** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), specify the educational/professional qualifications of individuals who perform the initial evaluation of level of care for waiver applicants:

Per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:45:01 all initial evaluations of Level of Care for waiver applicants are conducted by a Medical Review Team. The Medical Review Team performs all initial evaluations and reevaluations of Level of Care determinations and is comprised of a Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Nurse Consultant, a Registered Nurse licensed to practice in the State of South Dakota, and an LTSS Specialist. When the LTSS Specialist who sits on the Medical Review Team is the one who completes the Community Health Assessment in the case under review, an alternate LTSS Specialist is assigned to assure the Level of Care determination does not include the LTSS Specialist who completed the consumer’s assessment.

When determining Level of Care, the Medical Review Team reviews case documentation including the Community Health Assessment (CHA). Medical Review Team members receive training from the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager and the LTSS Nurse Consultant Program Manager, a Registered Nurse. Training topics include Level of Care and the Level of Care determination process and the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver policy and procedures. The HCBS Program Manager and the Nurse Consultant Program Manager also provide technical guidance to the Medical Review Team. Specific to the Community Health Assessment, all LTSS Specialists receive instructional training to complete the interRAI Community Health Assessment/Functional Supplement to the CHA per the interRAI Community Health Assessment/Functional Supplement User’s Manual and an interRAI Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs) Manual. Each LTSS Specialist retains the interRAI Community Health Assessment/Functional Supplement User’s Manual and an interRAI Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs) Manual to utilize in completing the assessment and reassessments.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports hires individuals for the position of LTSS Specialist based on education and experience to include a Bachelor’s Degree with major work in social work, psychology, health or related field and/or knowledge of social work principles and practices; and cultural, economic, social, physical and psychological factors that influence the elderly population and adults with disabilities.

d. **Level of Care Criteria.** Fully specify the level of care criteria that are used to evaluate and reevaluate whether an individual needs services through the waiver and that serve as the basis of the State's level of care instrument/tool. Specify the level of care instrument/tool that is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies concerning level of care criteria and the level of care instrument/tool are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable), including the instrument/tool utilized.

Per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:45:01 a Medical Review Team must determine if the individual requesting long-term care assistance is in need of care. The Medical Review Team may assign an individual to a nursing facility Level of Care classification if the individual requires any of the following services:

1. Continuing direct care services which have been ordered by a physician and can only be provided by or under the supervision of a professional nurse. Services include daily management, direct observation, monitoring, or performance of complex nursing procedures. Continuing care is the repeated application of the procedures or services at least once every 24 hours, frequent monitoring, and documentation of the individual's condition and response to the procedures or services;

2. The assistance of another person for the performance of any activity of daily living according to an assessment of the individual's needs; or

3. In need of skilled mental health services or skilled therapeutic services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech/language therapy in any combination that is provided at least once a week.
The Level of Care instrument/tool that is employed is the Community Health Assessment (CHA)/Functional Supplement to the CHA and the Physician’s Order.

e. Level of Care Instrument(s). Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(2), indicate whether the instrument/tool used to evaluate level of care for the waiver differs from the instrument/tool used to evaluate institutional level of care (select one):

- The same instrument is used in determining the level of care for the waiver and for institutional care under the State Plan.
- A different instrument is used to determine the level of care for the waiver than for institutional care under the State plan.

Describe how and why this instrument differs from the form used to evaluate institutional level of care and explain how the outcome of the determination is reliable, valid, and fully comparable.

InterRAI is a collaboration of clinicians, researchers, and health administrators founded in 1992. InterRAI began development of the Minimum Data Sets – Resident Assessment Instrument (MDS-RAI) and the application of the Resource Utilization Group’s (RUGs) case-mix system in long-term residential care. Introduction of the MDS-RAI into nursing home care was associated with measurable improvements in the standard of care, particularly when quality indicators derived from the instrument were introduced. In 1994 the community care version of the MDS-RAI, the Resident Assessment Instrument for Home Care (RAI-HC) was introduced as a model for comprehensive assessment in a community setting. In 2001, interRAI began a restructuring initiative to ensure all instruments contained common items and definitions. The major revision of the interRAI Home Care assessment is the interRAI Community Health Assessment (CHA). The interRAI CHA assessment is a MDS screening tool which is one in a suite of assessment tools interRAI maintains to assess and monitor the status of individuals with needs for care.

The reliability of the interRAI Community Health Assessment items have been assessed in multiple studies and multiple countries. The kappa values are predominantly above 0.6. Certain key variables such as Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and cognition are above 0.8. Validity has been assessed for sub-scales relative to similar measures.

South Dakota utilizes the MDS-RAI when determining institutional Level of Care under the State Plan, whereas the Community Health Assessment is utilized to determine Level of Care for the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver. When a waiver consumer transfers to a nursing facility for a short term stay and subsequently returns to a home and community-based setting and resumes waiver services, the MDS-RAI and the physician admit and/or discharge order are utilized by the Medical Review Team to make the appropriate Level of Care determination for each setting in which the consumer resides.

f. Process for Level of Care Evaluation/Reevaluation: Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), describe the process for evaluating waiver applicants for their need for the level of care under the waiver. If the reevaluation process differs from the evaluation process, describe the differences:

Level of Care is established by reviewing the consumer’s medical, nursing, psychosocial functioning and service needs. Upon a determination that a consumer may meet the eligibility requirements for the waiver, a Long Terms Services and Supports (LTSS) Specialist assigned to the consumer's case completes the Community Health Assessment (CHA), and submits it to the the Medical Review Team. The Medical Review Team reviews the documentation and when needed requests additional documentation to make a Level of Care determination based on the Level of Care criteria per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:45:01.

The same process is utilized for both the initial Level of Care evaluation and re-evaluation. The LTSS Specialist assigned to manage the consumer’s case conducts an in-home reassessment of the consumer at least annually, or when the consumer’s needs change. This reassessment, using the Community Health Assessment (CHA), takes place prior to when the Level of Care determination is due. Following a home visit, the LTSS Specialist compiles all required documentation, just as with the initial determination, and submits the documentation to the Medical Review Team. The Medical Review Team conducts a review of the submitted documentation to make the Level of Care determination and reports back to the assigned LTSS Specialist. If when completing a reassessment, it is determined a consumer no longer meets Level of Care for the waiver, the consumer is notified in writing by the Division of Economic Assistance. The LTSS Specialist offers the consumer Options Planning and assists the consumer to transition to other available services and supports provided through the Division of Long Term Services and Supports, natural supports and/or community organizations.
g. Reevaluation Schedule. Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), reevaluations of the level of care required by a participant are conducted no less frequently than annually according to the following schedule (select one):

- Every three months
- Every six months
- Every twelve months
- Other schedule
  Specify the other schedule:

h. Qualifications of Individuals Who Perform Reevaluations. Specify the qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations (select one):

- The qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations are the same as individuals who perform initial evaluations.
- The qualifications are different.
  Specify the qualifications:

i. Procedures to Ensure Timely Reevaluations. Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), specify the procedures that the State employs to ensure timely reevaluations of level of care (specify):

Division Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Specialists provide case management to all waiver consumers. As such, an LTSS Specialist is responsible for the timely Level of Care re-evaluations of their assigned consumers. To assist the Specialist in completing timely re-evaluations, the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) dashboard is used in monitoring when Level of Care re-determinations are due for each consumer. A notification indicates to the Specialist when the consumer requires a reassessment and Level of Care re-evaluation. The Specialist meets with the consumer for the reassessment and Care Plan development and compiles all required documentation for a Level of Care re-evaluation which is provided to the Medical Review Team. When a Specialist who completes the reassessment also serves on the Medical Review Team, an alternate Specialist sits on the Medical Review Team for said determination to maintain objectivity of the case being re-evaluated.

Additionally, all Level of Care determinations are maintained in a database monitored by the Nurse Consultant Program Manager and LTSS Regional Managers which also indicate when Level of Care determinations are due for a reevaluation.

j. Maintenance of Evaluation/Reevaluation Records. Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(3), the State assures that written and/or electronically retrievable documentation of all evaluations and reevaluations are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42. Specify the location(s) where records of evaluations and reevaluations of level of care are maintained:

All documentation of the evaluation and re-evaluation Level of Care determinations is scanned and stored electronically in the State of South Dakota's FileDirector system, a digital document reviewing program.

The records are maintained electronically for a minimum of six years. All Level of Care determinations are maintained in a database monitored by the Division of Long Term Services and Supports Nurse Consultant Program Manager.

Appendix B: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

Quality Improvement: Level of Care

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Level of Care Assurance/Sub-assurances
The state demonstrates that it implements the processes and instrument(s) specified in its approved waiver for evaluating/reevaluating an applicant's/waiver participant's level of care consistent with level of care provided in a hospital, NF or ICF/IID.

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. **Sub-assurance: An evaluation for LOC is provided to all applicants for whom there is reasonable indication that services may be needed in the future.**

**Performance Measures**

*For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.*

*For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.*

**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of new applicants who had a level of care determination prior to receiving services. Numerator = number of new applicants who had a level of care determination prior to receiving services. Denominator = number of new applicants.

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- Other
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b. Sub-assurance: The levels of care of enrolled participants are reevaluated at least annually or as specified in the approved waiver.

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c. Sub-assurance: The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied appropriately and according to the approved description to determine participant level of care.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of consumers whose level of care determination included the required documentation. Numerator = Number of LOC determinations with correct documentation. Denominator = All LOC determinations.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible. All Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS) processes are coordinated and managed by the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports has ten Regional Supervisors who supervise Specialists located in 24 offices around the state. Each month all Level of Care determinations made the previous month are randomly assigned to the Regional Supervisors for review. The Regional Supervisors are responsible for reviewing the Level of Care determinations to ensure new applicants had a Level of Care determination prior to receiving services and that the Level of Care determination included the required documentation.

Quarterly, the Nurse Consultant Program Manager reviews a random sample of the Level of Care determinations based on the projected number of waiver participants for the year to ensure the Level of Care criteria was accurately applied. The universe for the random sample for the first three quarters of the year is the projected number of waiver consumers for that year. The projected number of waiver consumers is entered into the Raosoft sample calculator to determine a sample size. For the last quarter of the year, the universe is updated to reflect the actual number of waiver consumers for the year and the sample size is updated based on the actual number of waiver consumers for the year as well. The random sample is created using Microsoft Excel random number and sorting functions. The results of the review are recorded in an Excel spreadsheet maintained by the HCBS Program Manager. The universe for the random sample is all Level of Care determinations made during the previous quarter. The Raosoft sample size calculator is utilized to identify the number of Level of Care determinations that will need to be reviewed.

Level of Care reviews are discussed at quarterly Waiver Review Committee meetings and recommendations for improvement are made when trends are identified. The Waiver LTSS Nurse Consultant Program Manager, Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Program Manager, LTSS Training Coordinator, LTSS Regional Managers, two LTSS Regional Supervisors, and two LTSS Specialists.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

100% of the Level of Care determinations are reviewed by the Division of Long Term Service and Supports Regional Supervisors on a monthly basis, allowing them to identify individual problems.
If it is determined that an individual has received waiver services prior to the Level of Care determination and the services have already been reimbursed by Medicaid, the payment will be recalled and services provided will be paid for through alternative funding. Additionally, Level of Care processes and procedures are reviewed and recommendations for improvement are made if trends are identified.

If it is identified that a Level of Care determination is made without the required documentation, the Specialist is responsible for obtaining the missing documentation and submitting all required documentation to the Medical Review Team for review. If it is discovered the consumer did not meet Level of Care at the time of the determination, the consumer will be unenrolled from waiver services and transitioned to another program. Any payment paid to a provider for services during the time when the consumer did not meet Level of Care will be recalled and the services will be paid for through alternative funding.

Quarterly, the Nurse Consultant Program Manager reviews a random sample of the Level of Care determinations to ensure Level of Care criteria were accurately applied. Individual problems identified may result in the consumer being removed from the waiver program. If, through a process of additional information retrieval, the Level of Care determination cannot be supported, the Level of Care determination will be revised and a process of retraining will be initiated with staff involved in the erroneous determination. Before removal of the consumer from the waiver, documentation will be recollected and resubmitted to the Medical Review Team for a re-evaluation as the consumer’s health status may have changed. Any payment paid to a provider for services during the time when the consumer did not meet Level of Care will be recalled and the services will be paid for through alternative funding. If it is determined a consumer was eligible for waiver services, but Level of Care criteria was not accurately applied, the consumer will immediately be re-evaluated for financial and Level of Care eligibility and, if still eligible, placed on waiver services. Trends are identified to determine if an individual LTSS staff is not correctly applying the Level of Care criteria, or if there is a systemic issue. Training opportunities for the Medical Review Team are planned and conducted accordingly.

Statewide data analysis conducted by the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager and reviewed quarterly by the Waiver Review Committee will allow for identification of trends. The Waiver Review Committee examines trends to determine if improvements need to be made to the waiver design. The Waiver Review Committee is led by the HCBS Program Manager and includes the following additional members: Division Long Term Services and Supports Director and Deputy Division Director, LTSS Nurse Consultant Program Manager, Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Program Manager, LTSS Training Coordinator, LTSS Regional Managers, two LTSS Regional Supervisors, and two LTSS Specialists.

**ii. Remediation Data Aggregation**

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**c. Timelines**
When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Level of Care that are currently non-operational.

☐ No
☐ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Level of Care, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-7: Freedom of Choice

Freedom of Choice. As provided in 42 CFR §441.302(d), when an individual is determined to be likely to require a level of care for this waiver, the individual or his or her legal representative is:

i. informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and
ii. given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based services.

a. Procedures. Specify the State's procedures for informing eligible individuals (or their legal representatives) of the feasible alternatives available under the waiver and allowing these individuals to choose either institutional or waiver services. Identify the form(s) that are employed to document freedom of choice. The form or forms are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

When a consumer’s Level of Care determination indicates nursing facility Level of Care, the Specialist throughout the assessment and person centered care planning process discusses the HOPE Waiver Services that are available to meet the consumer’s needs at home or in an assisted living. The Specialist also discusses the provision of long term care services provided in a nursing facility with the consumer or his/her authorized representative. The Care Plan is signed by the consumer or authorized representative and includes the following statement, “I have been provided information on home and community-based services and understand the service options that are available to me. I understand I have the right to choose between receiving services in my home and community and receiving services in a nursing facility.” Various informational brochures, i.e., “Assisted Living in South Dakota, “Aging & Disability Resource Connections”, “Home and Community-Based Services Waiver” explaining available long term services including Home and Community-Based Waiver Services and Assisted Living services are offered to the consumer or his/her authorized representative. The Care Plan form also contains the following statement, “I have been offered the choice of all providers of services contained in this plan.” A standardized procedure per the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Policy instructs the Specialist to provide the consumer or his/her authorized representative a list of providers, available within the consumer’s community, that offer provision of the Home and Community-Based Services contained in the consumer’s Care Plan.

b. Maintenance of Forms. Per 45 CFR §92.42, written copies or electronically retrievable facsimiles of Freedom of Choice forms are maintained for a minimum of three years. Specify the locations where copies of these forms are maintained.

The Care Plan, through the consumer’s or his/her authorized representative’s signature, documents that the consumer or authorized representative was informed of a choice in the provision of care available in a nursing facility or through the Waiver and was provided a choice of all providers of services contained in the Care Plan. All Care Plans are scanned and stored electronically in the State of South Dakota’s FileDirector system, a digital document reviewing program, for a minimum of six years.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-8: Access to Services by Limited English Proficiency Persons

Access to Services by Limited English Proficient Persons. Specify the methods that the State uses to provide meaningful access to the waiver by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003); The Department of Human Services (DHS) employs several methods to provide Limited English Proficient persons access to services. Formal agreements with community organizations and individual interpreters who provide interpreter services
and bilingual DHS staff are utilized to arrange for Interpreters to accompany the LTSS Specialists on initial and follow-up home visits and during assessment and the care planning processes with consumers who are Limited English Proficient. Consumers are offered free interpreters such as through InterpreTalk, an unscheduled telephone interpretation service that allows for interpretation of 170 languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Individual interpreters may also be available depending on the consumer’s culture, i.e., Lakota and are utilized in addition to family members or other natural supports who serve as the consumer’s interpreter. Department of Human Services offices located across the state maintain a document entitled, “Procedures for Communicating Information to Persons With Sensory Impairments and Limited English Proficiency” which includes a list of community organizations, individual interpreters and bilingual DHS staff that provide interpreter services to the Department of Human Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency. The Department of Social Services Application for Long Term Care or Related Medical Assistance and a handbook describing the Division of Long Term Services and Supports Programs are available in Spanish and can be accessed by individuals who are Limited English Proficient at Department of Human Services offices located across South Dakota and by direct access through the Department’s online website.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1: Summary of Services Covered (1 of 2)

a. Waiver Services Summary. List the services that are furnished under the waiver in the following table. If case management is not a service under the waiver, complete items C-1-b and C-1-c:

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

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Alternate Service Title (if any):

Adult Day Services

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1: Sub-Category 1:
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Service Definition (Scope):
Adult day services provide regular care, supervision and structured activities in a non-institutional community-based setting. Adult day services include both health and social services needed to ensure the optimal functioning of the consumer for a period of less than 24 hours per day. Adult day services are provided to a consumer who lives at home. Nutritious meals/snacks are available but are billed as a separate service. Adult day services are integrated in the community. Although not required, nursing services are provided based on assessed need and include health screenings, blood pressure checks, medication management, and a general assessment of the consumer’s condition.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [x] Provider managed

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- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Adult Day Services

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Senior Center

Provider Qualifications:
License (specify):
Not Applicable
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement and signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
Frequency of Verification:
Annual

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Statutory Service |
| Service Name: Adult Day Services |

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Free-standing Adult Day Centers

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Not Applicable
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement and signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
Frequency of Verification:
Annual

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Statutory Service

Service:
Personal Care

Alternate Service Title (if any):

HCBS Taxonomy:
Service Definition (Scope):
Personal care includes assistance provided to a consumer living at home to perform his or her activities of daily living. In-home personal care services are those services provided when personal care furnished under the approved State Plan limits are exhausted. The additional amount of services that may be provided through the waiver is the provision of additional personal care services over and above the amount allowed in the State Plan. The scope and nature of these services do not differ from personal care services furnished under the State Plan. The provider qualifications specified in the State Plan apply.

Children will receive this service under the State Plan as EPSDT.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
The concurrent provision of personal care services as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center. Personal care services are included in the scope of services provided to a consumer living in an assisted living center.

Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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Provider Type:
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Not Applicable

Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable

Other Standard (specify):
All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement, signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement, and completing a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment.

The Supplemental Agreement requires that the provider have policies on the following:
• Abuse and Neglect Reporting
• Staffing
• Staff Training
• Intake/Admission
• Discharge
• Consumer Confidentiality
• Consumer Rights and Responsibilities
• Documentation
• Incident Reporting
• Emergency Response
• Health and Safety
• Quality Assurance
• Consumer Grievances
• Gifting Policy
• Medication Administration

Additionally, the Supplemental Agreement requires the Provider to conduct a State/FBI background check to screen for abuse, neglect, and exploitation for all employees hired to work in homes of consumers.

The Provider must routinely check the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) to ensure that new hires and current employees are not on the excluded list.

The Staff Training policy must include identification of the processes and timelines for new staff orientation and annual staff training. The new Employee Orientation must occur before the employee enters a consumer’s home unsupervised. The Provider will ensure that each in-home aide receives a minimum of 6 hours of training annually.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

Frequency of Verification:
Annual

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Statutory Service

Service:
Respite care will be provided short-term (less than 30 consecutive days) for an individual who is unable to care for him or herself in the absence of or for the relief of the caregiver. Respite care is available to eligible individuals who reside with unpaid caregivers.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of respite care as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite Care
Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Long-term care facility

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Long-term care facilities are licensed by the South Dakota Department of Health.
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
Long-term care facilities must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, providing verification of current, valid licensure and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
Frequency of Verification:
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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Not Applicable
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement, signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement, and completing a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
Frequency of Verification:
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Assisted Living Centers
Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Assisted Living Centers are licensed by the South Dakota Department of Health.

Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable

Other Standard (specify):
Assisted Living Centers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, providing verification of current, valid licensure and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

Frequency of Verification:
Annual

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Extended State Plan Service

Service Title:
Homemaker

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1: Sub-Category 1:

Category 2: Sub-Category 2:

Category 3: Sub-Category 3:

Category 4: Sub-Category 4:

Service Definition (Scope):
In-home services consist of the performance of general household tasks provided by a homemaker, when the consumer is unable to manage the home and care for him or herself or others in the home. Homemaker services are included within personal care services in South Dakota’s Medicaid State Plan. Homemaker services within this waiver are those services that are provided when homemaker services furnished under the approved State Plan limits are exhausted. The scope and nature of these services do not differ from homemaker services furnished under the State Plan. The provider qualifications specified in the State Plan apply. The additional amount of services that may be provided through the waiver is the provision of additional homemaker services over and above the amount allowed in the State Plan.
The Supplemental Agreement requires that the provider have policies on the following.
• Abuse and Neglect Reporting
• Staffing
• Staff Training
• Intake/Admission
• Discharge
• Consumer Confidentiality
• Consumer Rights and Responsibilities
• Documentation
• Incident Reporting
• Emergency Response
• Health and Safety
• Quality Assurance
• Consumer Grievances
• Gifting Policy
• Medication Administration

Additionally, the Supplemental Agreement requires the Provider to conduct a State/FBI background check to screen for abuse, neglect, and exploitation for all employees hired to work in homes of consumers. The Provider must routinely check the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) to ensure that new hires and current employees are not on the excluded list. Search the OIG exclusions database online at https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/.

The Staff Training policy must include identification of the processes and timelines for new staff orientation and annual staff training. The new Employee Orientation must occur before the employee enters a consumer’s home unsupervised. The Provider will ensure that each in-home aide receives a minimum of 6 hours of training annually.

Children will receive this service under the State Plan as EPSDT.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of homemaker services as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center. Homemaker services are included in the scope of services provided to a consumer living in an assisted living center.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

☐ Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
☒ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

☒ Legally Responsible Person
☒ Relative
☒ Legal Guardian

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Homemaker
Provider Category:
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Provider Type:
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Not Applicable
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement, signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement, and completing a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment.

The Supplemental Agreement requires that the provider have policies on the following:
• Abuse and Neglect Reporting
• Staffing
• Staff Training
• Intake/Admission
• Discharge
• Consumer Confidentiality
• Consumer Rights and Responsibilities
• Documentation
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• Consumer Grievances
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• Medication Administration

Additionally, the Supplemental Agreement requires the Provider to conduct a State/FBI background check to screen for abuse, neglect, and exploitation for all employees hired to work in homes of consumers.

The Provider must routinely check the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) to ensure that new hires and current employees are not on the excluded list.

The Staff Training policy must include identification of the processes and timelines for new staff orientation and annual staff training. The new Employee Orientation must occur before the employee enters a consumer’s home unsupervised. The Provider will ensure that each in-home aide receives a minimum of 6 hours of training annually.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Adult Services and Aging.
Frequency of Verification:
Annual

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).
Service Type: 
Extended State Plan Service

Service Title: 
In-Home Nursing Services

HCBS Taxonomy:

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Service Definition (Scope):
Individual and continuous care (in contrast to part time or intermittent care) provided by licensed nurses within the scope of State of South Dakota Codified Law. Services are provided to consumers who live at home. Approved State Plan services for the in-home nursing services are provided under the waiver when nursing services furnished under the approved State Plan limits are exhausted. The scope and nature of these services do not differ from nursing services furnished under the State Plan. The provider qualifications specified in the State Plan apply. The additional amount of services that are provided through the waiver is the provision of additional nursing services over and above the amount allowed in the State Plan. Services are under the direction of a physician.

Children will receive this service under the State Plan as EPSDT.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
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Provider Category:

Provider Type:
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Not Applicable

Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable

Other Standard (specify):
All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement, signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement, and completing a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment.

The Supplemental Agreement requires that the provider have policies on the following.
• Abuse and Neglect Reporting
• Staffing
• Staff Training
• Intake/Admission
• Discharge
• Consumer Confidentiality
• Consumer Rights and Responsibilities
• Documentation
• Incident Reporting
• Emergency Response
• Health and Safety
• Quality Assurance
• Consumer Grievances
• Gifting Policy
• Medication Administration

Additionally, the Supplemental Agreement requires the Provider to conduct a State/FBI background check to screen for abuse, neglect, and exploitation for all employees hired to work in homes of consumers.

The Provider must routinely check the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) to ensure that new hires and current employees are not on the excluded list.

The Staff Training policy must include identification of the processes and timelines for new staff orientation and annual staff training. The new Employee Orientation must occur before the employee enters a consumer’s home unsupervised.

The Provider must verify, through the South Dakota Board of Nursing, RN or LPN licensure for each newly employed nursing staff who will be providing services to ASA consumers. The Provider must have a Staffing Policy that specifies the processes for conducting this verification.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

Frequency of Verification:
Annual
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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
- Extended State Plan Service

Service Title:
Specialized Medical Equipment

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1: ____________________ Sub-Category 1: ____________________

Category 2: ____________________ Sub-Category 2: ____________________

Category 3: ____________________ Sub-Category 3: ____________________

Category 4: ____________________ Sub-Category 4: ____________________

Service Definition (Scope):
Specialized medical equipment are devices, controls, or appliances, specified in the plan of care, that enable consumers to increase their ability to perform activities of daily living and assist the consumer to remain living safely at home. Services consist of assistive technology equipment, installation and monitoring, purchasing, leasing or otherwise providing devices, controls, sensors or appliances to be used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of consumers. Specialized medical equipment reimbursed with waiver funds is in addition to any specialized medical equipment furnished under the State Plan and excludes those items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the consumer.

Children will receive this service under the State Plan as EPSDT.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

☐ Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
☐ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

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Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Specialized Medical Equipment

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Private businesses

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Not Applicable
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
Frequency of Verification:
Annual

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Specialized Medical Equipment

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Durable Medical Equipment supplier

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Not Applicable
Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable
Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement. Providers of Specialized Medical equipment must also have a CMS Supplier number.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
Frequency of Verification:
Ongoing monitoring.

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#### Provider Category:
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**Provider Type:**
- Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

#### Provider Qualifications

- **License** *(specify)*:
  - Not Applicable

- **Certificate** *(specify)*:
  - Not Applicable

- **Other Standard** *(specify)*:
  - All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

#### Verification of Provider Qualifications

- **Entity Responsible for Verification**:
  - State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

- **Frequency of Verification**:
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#### Provider Category:
- **Agency** ✗

**Provider Type:**
- Pharmacy

#### Provider Qualifications

- **License** *(specify)*:
  - Pharmacies are licensed by the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy.

- **Certificate** *(specify)*:
  - Not Applicable

- **Other Standard** *(specify)*:
  - Pharmacies must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, providing verification of current, valid licensure and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

#### Verification of Provider Qualifications

- **Entity Responsible for Verification**:
  - State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

- **Frequency of Verification**:
  - Ongoing monitoring.
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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Extended State Plan Service

Service Title:
Specialized Medical Supplies

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1: Sub-Category 1:

Category 2: Sub-Category 2:

Category 3: Sub-Category 3:

Category 4: Sub-Category 4:

Service Definition (Scope):
Specialized medical supplies are disposable supplies which are necessary to maintain a consumer’s health, manage a medical or physical condition, improve functioning, or enhance independence as specified in the Care Plan. Medical supplies reimbursed with waiver funds are in addition to any medical supplies furnished under the State Plan and exclude those items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the consumer.

Children will receive this service under the State Plan as EPSDT.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
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**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Specialized Medical Supplies

**Provider Category:**  
Agency

**Provider Type:**  
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Certificate (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Other Standard (specify):** All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
- **Frequency of Verification:** Annual

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**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Specialized Medical Supplies

**Provider Category:**  
Agency

**Provider Type:**  
Pharmacy

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):** Pharmacies are licensed by the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy.
- **Certificate (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Other Standard (specify):** Pharmacies must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, providing verification of current, valid licensure and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
- **Frequency of Verification:** Ongoing monitoring.
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**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Durable Medical Equipment suppliers

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Certificate (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:**
  State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
- **Frequency of Verification:**
  Ongoing monitoring.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

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**Service Type:**
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
Adult Companion Services

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

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**Service Definition (Scope):**
Non-medical care, assistance, supervision or socialization provided to a consumer living at home or in an Assisted Living Center. Companions perform tasks that are incidental to the care and supervision of the consumer as opposed to completing the tasks for the consumer. Completion of homemaking, personal care and chore services will be authorized and provided as distinct, unduplicated services as assessed and specified in the Care Plan.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**
- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [X] Provider managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):**
- [X] Legally Responsible Person
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**Provider Category:**
- Agency [X]

**Provider Type:**
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Certificate (specify):** Not Applicable
- **Other Standard (specify):** All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement, signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement, and completing a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment. In addition, when authorized to provide adult companion services, these provider agencies are responsible for liability and maintaining proof of insurance and proof of a valid driver’s license for any employee transporting consumers.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
- **Frequency of Verification:** Annual
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

[Other Service]

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Assisted Living

HCBS Taxonomy:

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Service Definition (Scope):
Assisted living centers offer homemaker, personal care, chore, and meal preparation to consumers who reside in a homelike, non-institutional setting that includes 24-hour on-site response capability to meet scheduled or unpredictable consumer needs and to provide supervision, safety and security. The assisted living location promotes the health, treatment, comfort, safety, and well-being of residents, with easy accessibility for visitors and others.

Services also include social and recreational programming, and medication assistance (to the extent permitted under State law). Services that are provided by third parties must be coordinated with the assisted living provider.

Nursing and skilled therapy services are incidental rather than integral to the provision of assisted living services. Payment is not made for 24-hour skilled care. Federal financial participation is not available for room and board, items of comfort or convenience, or the costs of facility maintenance, upkeep and improvement. The methodology by which the costs of room and board are excluded from payments for assisted living services is described in Appendix I-5.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of homemaker, personal care, chore services, emergency response systems, respite care, meals, and environmental accessibility adaptations as distinct additional services is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E

☑ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

☐ Legally Responsible Person
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Assisted Living

Provider Category:
☐ Agency

Provider Type:
Assisted Living Centers

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Assisted Living Centers are licensed by the South Dakota Department of Health.

Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable

Other Standard (specify):
Assisted Living Centers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, providing verification of current, valid licensure, signing a standard Provider Agreement and a Supplemental Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

Frequency of Verification:
Annual

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Chore Services

HCBS Taxonomy:
Service Definition (Scope):
Chore services needed to maintain the consumer’s home in a healthy and safe environment. Chore services are lawn mowing, snow and ice removal from sidewalks and driveways, or other services which the home owner is required to complete by city or county ordinance.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of chore services as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [x] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- [x] Legally Responsible Person
- [x] Relative
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Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Community-based organizations

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Not Applicable

Certificate (specify):
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annual

### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Other Service

**Service Name:** Chore Services

**Provider Category:**
- Agency

**Provider Type:**
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  - Not Applicable

- **Certificate (specify):**
  - Not Applicable

- **Other Standard (specify):**
  All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement, signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement, and completing a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annual

### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
- Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
Emergency Response System (ERS)

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**

**Sub-Category 1:**
Service Definition (Scope):
An Emergency Response System is an electronic device that enables a consumer who lives in his or her home to secure help in an emergency. The consumer may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility. The system is connected to a consumer's phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of the emergency response service as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [X] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):
- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Emergency Response System (ERS)
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annual

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Emergency Response System (ERS)

**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Utility companies

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Not Applicable

**Certificate (specify):**
Not Applicable

**Other Standard (specify):**
Not Applicable

All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Upon revalidation.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Emergency Response System (ERS)

**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Telephone cooperatives

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Not Applicable

**Certificate (specify):**
Not Applicable

**Other Standard (specify):**
Not Applicable

All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Emergency Response System (ERS)

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Private and hospital-based in-home service providers

Provider Qualifications
- License (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Certificate (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Other Standard (specify):
  All private and hospital-based in-home service providers must enroll as waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
Frequency of Verification:
Upon revalidation.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Emergency Response System (ERS)

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Durable Medical Equipment supplier

Provider Qualifications
- License (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Certificate (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Other Standard (specify):
  All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
Frequency of Verification:
Upon revalidation.
Appendix C: Participant Services  
C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**

Other Service  

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**  
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

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**Service Definition (Scope):**  
Those physical adaptations to the private residence of the consumer, or the consumer's family, required by the consumer's care plan, that are necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the consumer or that enable the consumer to function with greater independence in the home. Such adaptations include the installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, or the installation of specialized electric or plumbing systems that are necessary to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies that are necessary for the welfare of the consumer.

Excluded are those adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general utility, and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the consumer. Adaptations or improvements that add to the total square footage of the home are excluded from this benefit except when necessary to complete an adaptation (i.e., in order to improve entrance/egress to a residence or to widen a bathroom to accommodate a wheelchair). This service does not include general repair or maintenance to the residence, which are considered to be standard housing obligations of the owner or tenant.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**  
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of environmental accessibility adaptations as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center.

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**
☐ Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E  
☑ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by *(check each that applies)*:

☐ Legally Responsible Person
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Provider Qualifications

License *(specify)*:
Not Applicable

Certificate *(specify)*:
Not Applicable

Other Standard *(specify)*:
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement and signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

Frequency of Verification:
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Provider Qualifications

License *(specify)*:
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Other Standard *(specify)*:
All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, signing a standard Provider Agreement and signing a Supplemental Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
Meals

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**Service Definition (Scope):**
Nutritious meals, provided to a consumer who lives at home, which follow federal dietary guidelines and can be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner to enhance a consumer’s diet.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

The concurrent provision of meals as a distinct additional service is prohibited for a consumer who resides in an assisted living center.

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
☑ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by *(check each that applies)*:

- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Meals

Provider Category:
- Agency

Provider Type:
- Senior Meals providers

Provider Qualifications
- License *(specify)*: Not Applicable
- Certificate *(specify)*: Not Applicable
- Other Standard *(specify)*:

All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
- Entity Responsible for Verification:
  State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
- Frequency of Verification:
  Upon revalidation

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Meals

Provider Category:
- Agency

Provider Type:
- Community-based organizations

Provider Qualifications
- License *(specify)*: Not Applicable
- Certificate *(specify)*: Not Applicable
- Other Standard *(specify)*:

All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.
Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

Frequency of Verification:
Annual

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Nutritional Supplements

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

Sub-Category 1:

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Service Definition (Scope):
Nutritional supplements provided to a consumer who lives at home and is below his or her medically recommended body weight; nutritionally deficient or malnourished; or to manage a skin condition or promote wound healing. Services are under the direction of a physician.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Services over this threshold are subject to an exceptions process.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [x] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Nutritional Supplements

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Senior Meals providers

Provider Qualifications
- License (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Certificate (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Other Standard (specify):
  All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
- Entity Responsible for Verification:
  State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
- Frequency of Verification:
  Upon revalidation

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Nutritional Supplements

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Community-based organizations

Provider Qualifications
- License (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Certificate (specify):
  Not Applicable
- Other Standard (specify):
  All service providers must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
- Entity Responsible for Verification:
  State Medicaid Agency and/or the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.
- Frequency of Verification:
Upon revalidation

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Nutritional Supplements

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Pharmacy

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Pharmacies are licensed by the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy.

Certificate (specify):
Not Applicable

Other Standard (specify):
Pharmacies must enroll as Medicaid waiver providers. The enrollment process includes completing an enrollment application, providing verification of current, valid licensure and signing a standard Provider Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
State Medicaid Agency, specifically Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

Frequency of Verification:
Ongoing monitoring.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1: Summary of Services Covered (2 of 2)

b. Provision of Case Management Services to Waiver Participants. Indicate how case management is furnished to waiver participants (select one):

- [ ] Not applicable - Case management is not furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.
- [x] Applicable - Case management is furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.

Check each that applies:

- [ ] As a waiver service defined in Appendix C-3. Do not complete item C-1-c.
- [ ] As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(i) of the Act (HCBS as a State Plan Option). Complete item C-1-c.
- [ ] As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(g)(1) of the Act (Targeted Case Management).
- [ ] As an administrative activity. Complete item C-1-c.

C. Delivery of Case Management Services. Specify the entity or entities that conduct case management functions on behalf of waiver participants:

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports (operating division) provides case management services to all waiver consumers. Case management services are an essential component of waiver coordination and include assessment, person centered Care Plan development, service authorization and monitoring, follow-up and documentation. Long Term Services and Supports Specialists function as case managers for a caseload of waiver and non-waiver consumers. The operating division is the same entity providing case management. There is no conflict of interest because all Waiver services are provided by agencies outside of the operating division.
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C-2: General Service Specifications (1 of 3)

a. Criminal History and/or Background Investigations. Specify the State's policies concerning the conduct of criminal history and/or background investigations of individuals who provide waiver services (select one):

- No. Criminal history and/or background investigations are not required.
- Yes. Criminal history and/or background investigations are required.

Specify: (a) the types of positions (e.g., personal assistants, attendants) for which such investigations must be conducted; (b) the scope of such investigations (e.g., state, national); and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory investigations have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid or the operating agency (if applicable):

Effective June 1, 2015 the Supplemental Provider Agreement requires in-home providers of homemaker, personal care, nursing and adult companion services to conduct State/FBI background checks to screen for abuse, neglect and exploitation on all employees hired to work in the homes of consumers. During annual on-site reviews the Division of Long Term Services an Supports staff reviewer conducts a random sample review of employee records to ensure provider employees had a background check completed (if hired after June 1, 2015). When it is identified that a provider did not complete a background check(s) as required, the provider is instructed to complete the missing background check(s).

Effective June 1, 2016 the Supplemental Assisted Living Provider Agreement requires all employees of assisted living centers to conduct State/FBI background checks.

The Department of Human Services conducts State/FBI background checks on each person hired in the following employment positions with the Division of Long Term Services and Supports: Home Health Aides, LTSS Specialists, LTSS Supervisors and LTSS Regional Managers per South Dakota Codified Law 1-36-36.

b. Abuse Registry Screening. Specify whether the State requires the screening of individuals who provide waiver services through a State-maintained abuse registry (select one):

- No. The State does not conduct abuse registry screening.
- Yes. The State maintains an abuse registry and requires the screening of individuals through this registry.

Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for maintaining the abuse registry; (b) the types of positions for which abuse registry screenings must be conducted; and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory screenings have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

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C-2: General Service Specifications (2 of 3)

c. Services in Facilities Subject to §1616(e) of the Social Security Act. Select one:

- No. Home and community-based services under this waiver are not provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act.
- Yes. Home and community-based services are provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act. The standards that apply to each type of facility where waiver services are provided are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).
i. **Types of Facilities Subject to §1616(e).** Complete the following table for each type of facility subject to §1616(e) of the Act:

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ii. **Larger Facilities:** In the case of residential facilities subject to §1616(e) that serve four or more individuals unrelated to the proprietor, describe how a home and community character is maintained in these settings.

Required information is contained in response to C-5.

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**C-2: Facility Specifications**

**Facility Type:**

Long-Term Care Facilities

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**Facility Capacity Limit:**

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**Scope of Facility Standards.** For this facility type, please specify whether the State's standards address the following topics (*check each that applies)*:

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d. **Provision of Personal Care or Similar Services by Legally Responsible Individuals.** A legally responsible individual is any person who has a duty under State law to care for another person and typically includes: (a) the parent (biological or adoptive) of a minor child or the guardian of a minor child who must provide care to the child or (b) a spouse of a waiver participant. Except at the option of the State and under extraordinary circumstances specified by the State, payment may not be made to a legally responsible individual for the provision of personal care or similar services that the legally responsible individual would ordinarily perform or be responsible to perform on behalf of a waiver participant. Select one:

- [ ] **No.** The State does not make payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar services.
- [ ] **Yes.** The State makes payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar services when they are qualified to provide the services.

Specify: (a) the legally responsible individuals who may be paid to furnish such services and the services they may provide; (b) State policies that specify the circumstances when payment may be authorized for the provision of *extraordinary care* by a legally responsible individual and how the State ensures that the provision of services by a legally responsible individual is in the best interest of the participant; and, (c) the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 the personal care or similar services for which payment may be made to legally responsible individuals under the State policies specified here.

Due to the frontier and rural nature of much of South Dakota, it can be difficult to find in home supportive care workers, and in many instances, the legally responsible person has been caring for the participant long term, and is most familiar with the participant’s needs and preferences.
Legally responsible individuals (spouse, parent of and adult participant, legal guardian, or adult son or daughter) can be paid for the provision of homemaker, personal care, chore, and adult companion but must be employed by a provider agency and meet all of the qualifications and training requirements for the services being provided.

For a legally responsible person to be paid for the provision of HOPE Waiver services, all of the following authorization criteria and monitoring provisions must be met. The service must:
• Meet the definition of homemaker, personal care, chore, and adult companion as defined in the federally approved waiver;
• Be necessary to avoid institutionalization;
• Be a service that is specified in the care plan;
• Be provided by a spouse, parent of an adult participant, legal guardian, or adult son or daughter, who meets the qualifications and training standards specified in the waiver for that service;
• Meet the definition of extraordinary care, which is defined as an activity that the family member would not ordinarily perform or is responsible to perform.

c. Other State Policies Concerning Payment for Waiver Services Furnished by Relatives/Legal Guardians. Specify State policies concerning making payment to relatives/legal guardians for the provision of waiver services over and above the policies addressed in Item C-2-d. Select one:

○ The State does not make payment to relatives/legal guardians for furnishing waiver services.

○ The State makes payment to relatives/legal guardians under specific circumstances and only when the relative/guardian is qualified to furnish services.

Specify the specific circumstances under which payment is made, the types of relatives/legal guardians to whom payment may be made, and the services for which payment may be made. Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 each waiver service for which payment may be made to relatives/legal guardians.

○ Relatives/legal guardians may be paid for providing waiver services whenever the relative/legal guardian is qualified to provide services as specified in Appendix C-1/C-3.

Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered.

Any Medicaid enrolled waiver provider who is enrolled to provide homemaker, personal care, chore, and adult companion has the authority to hire relatives/legal guardians to provide these services including spouse, parent of an adult participant, legal guardian, or son or daughter. Any relatives/legal guardians hired must meet all of the qualifications and training requirements for employees of the in-home provider and must adhere to the consumer's approved Care Plan. The Provider is responsible for the oversight of staff (including relatives/legal guardians) in the completion of their assigned tasks. The review process must include unannounced visits to the assigned work place of each employee. Documentation of the staff monitoring visits must be available for review. To ensure billed services have been rendered, waiver consumers are surveyed at the 6 month review to confirm they have received the services.

○ Other policy.

Specify:

f. Open Enrollment of Providers. Specify the processes that are employed to assure that all willing and qualified providers have the opportunity to enroll as waiver service providers as provided in 42 CFR §431.51:
Information about enrolling as a Medicaid provider can be accessed by potential providers on the Department of Social Services’ website. Potential waiver providers may also access information about provider enrollment and/or how to apply as a Medicaid provider by contacting any of the Division of Long Term Services and Supports Regional Offices or the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager at the Department of Human Services’ State Office. The Division of Long Term Services and Supports providers requesting information on enrolling to be a waiver provider to the HCBS Program Manager.

All willing and qualified providers can enroll as waiver service providers. Providers must complete an online enrollment application to apply through the Division of Medical Services which manages provider enrollment. Licensed providers must provide verification of current, valid licensure and all providers must sign a standard South Dakota Medicaid Provider Agreement and pass mandatory provider enrollment screening and credentialing criteria.

In addition to the standard Medicaid requirements, providers of homemaker, personal care, adult companion and nursing services (in-home providers) must also sign a Supplemental Provider Agreement, complete and sign a Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment and complete any recommendations from an onsite review as part of the enrollment process.

In addition to the standard Medicaid requirements, providers of Adult Day Services must be determined compliant with Home and Community-Based Settings Final Rule. The Division of Long Term Services and Supports Regional Supervisors complete a Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings Assessment to confirm compliance. Any areas of non-compliance with the HCB Settings Final Rule are addressed prior to approval.

In addition to the standard Medicaid requirements, Assisted Living providers must sign and complete a Supplemental Agreement and complete a HCB Settings Self-Assessment to ensure they are in compliance with the HCB Settings Final Rule. Additionally, LTSS Regional Supervisors complete a Home and Community-Based (HCB) Settings LTSS Assessment to validate the Assisted Living’s HCB Settings Self-Assessment and to confirm compliance with the HCB Settings Final Rule. Any areas of non-compliance with the HCB Settings Final Rule are addressed prior to approval.

Medicaid Provider Enrollment and the HCBS Program Manager work together to ensure that all of the requirements are in place before a provider is approved to deliver waiver services. Once all required components are in place and Medicaid enrollment is complete, the HCBS Program Manager is notified that a new provider has enrolled to provide waiver services and in turn the HCBS Program Manager informs the appropriate Division of Long Term Services and Supports Regional Office that the provider is an enrolled waiver provider. The Division of Long Term Services and Supports Office then adds the provider to the provider list which is given to consumers. Consumers may choose from any provider on the provider list to deliver the authorized waiver services.

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Quality Improvement: Qualified Providers

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Qualified Providers

The state demonstrates that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for assuring that all waiver services are provided by qualified providers.

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-Assurance: The State verifies that providers initially and continually meet required licensure and/or certification standards and adhere to other standards prior to their furnishing waiver services.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.
For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Number and percent of new licensed and/or certified providers that initially meet state licensing standards. Numerator = number of new providers initially meeting licensing standards. Denominator = number of new licensed providers.

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If ‘Other’ is selected, specify:
Contracted vendor’s validation report and list of enrolled providers supplied by Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

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Number and percent of licensed and/or certified providers, by type, that continually meet state licensing standards. Numerator = number of providers meeting licensing standards. Denominator = all licensed waiver service providers.

### Data Source (Select one):

- Other
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  Contracted vendor's monitoring report and list of enrolled providers supplied by Medicaid Provider Enrollment.

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b. Sub-Assurance: The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements.

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**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of non-licensed/non-certified providers, by provider type who continue to meet waiver provider qualifications. Numerator = number of non-licensed/non-certified in-home providers of homemaker, personal care, nursing, and companion care, who continue to meet waiver provider qualifications. Denominator = number of non-licensed/non-certified providers.

**Data Source (Select one):**
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*Analyzed collected data (including surveys, focus group, interviews, etc)*

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Number and percent of new non-licensed/non-certified providers by provider type who met initial provider qualifications prior to furnishing services.
Numerator = Number of new non-licensed/non-certified providers who met provider qualifications prior to furnishing waiver services.
Denominator = Number of new non-licensed/non-certified provides by provider type.

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c. **Sub-Assurance: The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with state requirements and the approved waiver.**

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of providers, by provider type, who meet provider training requirements. Numerator = Number of providers meeting provider training requirements. Denominator = All waiver service providers.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

Adherence to waiver requirements is determined upon initial enrollment and annually after enrollment. Providers must submit an enrollment application through an on-line enrollment system. During enrollment, providers must identify all services they intend to render by notation of specialties/subspecialties and submit a signed South Dakota Medicaid Provider Agreement. Enrollment applications will not be approved without a signed Provider Agreement. Enrolled providers are responsible for reviewing and updating their enrollment information when changes are necessary. Outreach to providers requesting updates or validation of information are also made by enrollment staff when potential changes are identified outside of provider notification.

Provider types requiring licensure in South Dakota are licensed by the Department of Health (DOH). Upon initial enrollment as a Medicaid provider, licensed providers must submit a copy of their current, valid license. SD Medicaid provider enrollment applications of licensed providers are not approved without verification of current licensure.

SD has a vendor contract in place to complete licensure validation as part of the provider enrollment screening and credentialing process. Licensure status is verified by the contracted vendor prior to Medicaid Provider Enrollment approving the application. If any issues are identified, the provider will not be approved as a waiver provider. The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager obtains data from Medicaid Provider Enrollment each quarter to confirm that each licensed provider was submitted for validation prior to their approval.

Likewise, the contracted vendor monitors licensed providers on an ongoing basis to ensure providers continually remain licensed and in good standing. Medicaid Provider Enrollment reviews the monitoring reports for any provider risks or issues identified. The provider is terminated if they are no longer licensed. In addition, Medicaid Provider Enrollment staff has a working relationship with the Department of Health licensing staff and are notified per the DOH notification list should a licensed provider have a change of...
ownership or licensure status. The HCBS Program Manager obtains data from Medicaid Provider Enrollment staff annually to compare enrolled licensed providers to the contractors monitoring list. This ensures that all enrolled licensed providers are being monitored as per the contract.

There are waiver provider qualifications beyond provider enrollment and the SD Medicaid Provider Agreement for providers of homemaker, personal care, adult companion and nursing services (in-home providers). Upon initial enrollment and annually thereafter, the in-home providers submit two additional components — the current year’s Supplemental Provider Agreement and the current year’s Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment. The Supplemental Provider Agreement outlines the responsibilities of in-home providers. Providers must sign and date the Supplemental Provider Agreement indicating they have received the agreement and the requirements have been executed. The Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment instructs the provider to indicate if they do or do not have each required component in place. The HCBS Program Manager is responsible for creation, distribution, and collection of the signed Supplemental Provider Agreements and completed Provider Quality Management Self-Assessments and tracks the return of required documentation.

An on-site review is conducted for each in-home provider prior to initial enrollment and annually thereafter. On-site reviews are performed by LTSS Regional Supervisors and Regional Managers, or the HCBS Program Manager and follow a standard on-site review protocol. The on-site reviews include review of consumer records and visit documentation, personnel records, policies and procedures. The reviewer ensures all required components are in place and completes a Provider Review Report, a copy of which is given to the provider who has 60 days to respond to the determination of the initial findings of the annual on-site review. If components are not in place the provider must respond with a plan to address how to meet required components.

The Supplemental Provider Agreement and Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment outline the provider training requirements. Training requirements are reviewed during the on-site review. A random sample of the provider’s personnel records is reviewed to determine if the training components are being met. The reviewer completes a Provider Review Report, a copy of which is given to the provider who has 60 days to respond to the determination of the initial findings of the annual on-site review. Providers must respond to how the required training components will be met and are asked to provide a description of training topics. The HCBS Program Manager collects and tracks this data, noting on the master list of waiver providers that a provider has met provider training requirements.

Data aggregation and analysis for all Qualified Providers Performance Measures is conducted by the HCBS Program Manager and presented to the Division Long Term Services and Supports Waiver Review Committee. The Waiver Review Committee is led by the HCBS Program Manager and includes LTSS staff: Director and Deputy Division Director, Nurse Consultant Program Manager, SAMS Program Manager, Training Coordinator, Regional Managers, Regional Supervisors, and LTSS Specialists. The Waiver Review Committee meets quarterly to discuss consumer and provider issues and to set priorities for system-wide quality improvement. As a result of an analysis of the discovery and remediation information presented to the Waiver Review Committee, system improvements are identified and design changes are made.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

To ensure that licensed providers initially meet licensing standards, Medicaid Provider Enrollment does not enroll the provider without a copy of their current, valid licensure from the Department of Health. The provider cannot be authorized to provide waiver services until the enrollment process is complete. No waiver services are authorized until Medicaid Provider Enrollment completes the enrollment process. If the provider fails to submit verification or fails the enrollment screening or credentialing process, the provider is not approved to enroll or provide services. If it is determined a licensed provider was enrolled and authorized to provide waiver services without proof of licensure, the Provider Enrollment Supervisor will be notified for retraining or disciplinary action of the Provider Enrollment Worker who enrolled the provider outside of the enrollment expectations. Notification is made to the Medicaid Payment Control Officer so payment for ineligible services provided is made using alternative, non-Medicaid funds. The HCBS Program Manager works with the Provider Enrollment Supervisor to determine how the provider was enrolled without verification of licensure. Together, the HCBS Program Manager and Provider Enrollment Supervisor may

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recommend changes to the provider enrollment process in an effort to alleviate the concern.

If an inactive or terminated license is identified through the ongoing monitoring processes, the information is reported to Medicaid Provider Enrollment. Medicaid Provider Enrollment will determine provider licensure status (ex: confirm licensure data accurate and not due to source delay) and take appropriate actions. If a provider failed to renew license or the license was terminated, the provider will be terminated with notification to the provider and the HCBS Program Manager. Medicaid Provider Enrollment will review claims to determine if any dates of service after licensure were paid. If it is determined that payments were made to a non-licensed provider, a referral to the Payment Control Officer within Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS) and inclusion of the HCBS Program Manager will be made so these payments can be recouped with subsequent payment for services provided using alternative, non-Medicaid funds.

Waiver consumers served by a provider whose license has been terminated are asked to choose an enrolled provider who has continuously met state licensing standards. Consumers are then assisted in transitioning to the provider of their choice.

The HCBS Program Manager and Medicaid Enrollment Team work together closely to ensure that non-licensed providers of homemaker, personal care, adult companion and nursing services initially meet provider requirements. Medicaid Enrollment protocol states that these providers will not be Medicaid approved until the HCBS Program Manager has confirmed that the Supplemental Agreement and the Quality Management Self-Assessment have been submitted and all recommendations from the onsite review have been completed. LTSS does not authorize services by a provider until the HCBS Program Manager has confirmed the provider is an enrolled waiver provider. If a new provider is erroneously authorized to provide services prior to their enrollment, the Specialist who authorized the services is retrained. Payment for services provided will be made using alternative, non-Medicaid funds.

In-home providers of homemaker, personal care, adult companion and nursing services are required to submit the Supplemental Agreement and Provider Quality Management Self-Assessment each year and an onsite review is completed to confirm that all requirements are met. If a provider fails to submit the required documents or fails to comply with the onsite review, the provider will be terminated as a waiver provider. If it is determined during the onsite review that the provider does not comply with all requirements, the HCBS Program Manager works closely with the provider to establish a plan and timeline for implementing the required components. If the provider does not implement the required elements within set timelines, all consumers served by said provider will be asked to choose a provider who initially met and continually meets waiver provider qualifications. Consumers will be assisted in transitioning to the provider of their choice by the ASA Specialist. Providers who fail to submit the required documentation, or fail to meet the standards, are not utilized to provide services to consumers of the HCBS waiver.

If during the onsite review, it is determined a provider does not have the required training components in place, the HCBS Program Manager works closely with the provider to establish a plan and timeline for implementing the required components. If the provider does not implement the required training in a jointly determined period of time, all consumers served by said provider are asked to choose a provider that meets waiver provider qualifications, including training requirements, and are assisted in transitioning to the provider of their choice.

Documentation of all remediation activities in the Qualified Providers assurance will be maintained by the HCBS Program Manager, primarily in the master list of waiver providers. Data aggregation and analysis on provider quality will be compiled and presented at the quarterly Waiver Review Committee meetings. When trends are identified, the Waiver Review Committee will recommend changes to reduce individual waiver problems and improve waiver quality.

### ii. Remediation Data Aggregation
**Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)**

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c. **Timelines**

   When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Qualified Providers that are currently non-operational.

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

   Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Qualified Providers, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-3: Waiver Services Specifications**

Section C-3 'Service Specifications' is incorporated into Section C-1 'Waiver Services.'

**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-4: Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services**

**a. Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services.** Indicate whether the waiver employs any of the following additional limits on the amount of waiver services (select one).

- [ ] Not applicable - The State does not impose a limit on the amount of waiver services except as provided in Appendix C-3.
- [ ] Applicable - The State imposes additional limits on the amount of waiver services.

When a limit is employed, specify: (a) the waiver services to which the limit applies; (b) the basis of the limit, including its basis in historical expenditure/utilization patterns and, as applicable, the processes and methodologies that are used to determine the amount of the limit to which a participant's services are subject; (c) how the limit will be adjusted over the course of the waiver period; (d) provisions for adjusting or making exceptions to the limit based on participant health and welfare needs or other factors specified by the state; (e) the safeguards that are in effect when the amount of the limit is insufficient to meet a participant's needs; (f) how participants are notified of the amount of the limit. (check each that applies)

- [ ] Limit(s) on Set(s) of Services. There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services that is authorized for one or more sets of services offered under the waiver.

*Furnish the information specified above.*
Prospective Individual Budget Amount. There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services authorized for each specific participant.

Furnish the information specified above.

Budget Limits by Level of Support. Based on an assessment process and/or other factors, participants are assigned to funding levels that are limits on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services.

Furnish the information specified above.

Other Type of Limit. The State employs another type of limit.

Describe the limit and furnish the information specified above.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-5: Home and Community-Based Settings

Explain how residential and non-residential settings in this waiver comply with federal HCB Settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5) and associated CMS guidance. Include:

1. Description of the settings and how they meet federal HCB Settings requirements, at the time of submission and in the future.

2. Description of the means by which the state Medicaid agency ascertains that all waiver settings meet federal HCB Setting requirements, at the time of this submission and ongoing.

Note instructions at Module 1, Attachment #2, HCB Settings Waiver Transition Plan for description of settings that do not meet requirements at the time of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.

Refer to Attachment #2.

Assisted Living and Adult Day settings were reviewed for compliance with the HCB Settings Requirements. All Adult Day settings were determined compliant and will be assessed on an annual basis to ensure continued compliance.

Assisted Living settings were assessed and are working towards compliance. South Dakota is further assessing settings that were initially identified as potential Heightened Scrutiny Settings. The HCB Settings Requirements will be incorporated into the Adult Services and Aging Specialists quarterly visits to Assisted Livings to ensure that settings will be compliant by the end of the transition plan period and to ensure ongoing compliance with HCB Settings requirements. The Quality of Life Survey, which is completed with waiver consumers at the six month review, will be utilized to assess the consumer’s satisfaction and overall experience in the setting.

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State Participant-Centered Service Plan Title:

Care Plan

a. Responsibility for Service Plan Development. Per 42 CFR §441.301(b)(2), specify who is responsible for the development of the service plan and the qualifications of these individuals *(select each that applies)*:

   - Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the State
Licensed practical or vocational nurse, acting within the scope of practice under State law
Licensed physician (M.D. or D.O)
✓ Case Manager (qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3)
☐ Case Manager (qualifications not specified in Appendix C-1/C-3).

Specify qualifications:

☐ Social Worker

Specify qualifications:

☐ Other

Specify the individuals and their qualifications:

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports employs Long Term Services and Supports Specialists who are responsible for Care Plan development and case management. Successful applicants are required to undergo a background investigation per South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 1-36-36. The purpose of the Specialist position is to assess and determine eligibility for a wide range of services that would benefit individuals at risk of having to leave their own homes; investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation and works for safe resolutions; provides information and referral services to the public and family members about aging and community resources.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports hires individuals based on education and experience. A Bachelor's Degree with major work in social work, psychology, health or related field and/or knowledge of social work principles and practices; cultural, economic, social, physical and psychological factors that influence the elderly population and adults with disabilities; and ability to:
• Establish and maintain effective and collaborative working relationships and demonstrate compassion, respect, courtesy, and tact when interacting with others;
• Actively listen, elicit needed information and communicate information effectively and accurately, both orally and in writing;
• Utilize computerized data systems (Microsoft Word preferred but not required);
• Prepare clear and concise documentation, reports, and correspondence that reflect relevant facts;
• Effectively plan and organize work activities, adjust to multiple demands, and prioritize tasks to complete assignments and meet schedules and deadlines;
• Gather and analyze data; reason logically and accurately; and solve problems using common sense, reasoning and resourcefulness;
• Assume initiative with minimal supervision; and
• Observe and correctly assess situations.

LTSS Specialists must demonstrate, upon hire, the following Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Functions:

Knowledge of:
• Principles and methods of person centered focused options counseling including availability and use of local and state resources;
• Cultural, economic, physical, social, and psychological factors that influence family dynamics and interpersonal relationships;
• Federal and state legislation, policies, and regulations governing social services programs;
• Basic theories, principles, and methods of social work and methods of assessment, and intervention;
• Concepts related to consumers’ rights, confidentiality, and professional ethics;
• Principles and techniques of conducting interviews and acquiring information from individuals who are in need of services.
Skills:
- Strong organizational and computer skills;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Excellent active listening and interviewing skills.

Ability to:
- Transfer consumers’ personal goals to a care plan;
- Monitor progress toward identified care plan goals;
- Work with computerized data systems;
- Maintain consumer records and documentation;
- Prepare reports and compose correspondence;
- Gather and analyze data, reason logically and accurately, and draw valid conclusions;
- Organize and express information concisely and effectively, both orally and in writing;
- Communicate information clearly and concisely with a variety of individuals, professionals and the public;
- Exercise good judgment in evaluating situations and in making decisions;
- Summarize data, prepare reports and make recommendations based on findings which contribute to solving problems;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with consumers, their families, representatives of other services agencies, public officials, and the public.

Functions:
Arranges for in-home services and coordinates resources for elderly people and adults with disabilities to prevent premature or unnecessary institutional placement.
- Accepts assignment of referrals, interviews consumers and conducts multi-faceted assessments of consumers and their situations including activities of daily living, finances, personal adjustment, social resources, home environment, physical health and nutritional status.
- Makes collateral contacts to collect information, coordinate services, and advocates for consumers
- Determines need for services provided by the agency and coordinates financial eligibility for these services with other agency staff
- Provides case management services by assessing needs of consumers and coordinating services provided by Long Term Services and Supports and other community resources
- Makes home visits to assess consumer’s progress and adherence to care plans.

Assesses individuals at risk of placement or intended placement in a nursing facility.
- Completes multi-faceted assessments including activities of daily living, finances, personal adjustment, social resources, home environment, nutritional status, physical health, and physicians’ reports.
- Provides information on long term services and supports to meet individuals’ needs in the most integrated and least restrictive community setting along a continuum of natural supports, in-home services, and assisted living services.
- Obtains physician’s orders for authorization of in-home services.
- Conducts follow-up contacts with individuals discharged from hospitals and nursing facilities to determine the home and community-based services that are needed to enable them to remain in a safe, integrated setting.

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b. Service Plan Development Safeguards. Select one:
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.
The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that service plan development is conducted in the best interests of the participant. Specify:

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c. Supporting the Participant in Service Plan Development. Specify: (a) the supports and information that are made available to the participant (and/or family or legal representative, as appropriate) to direct and be actively engaged in the service plan development process and (b) the participant's authority to determine who is included in the process.

The consumer has full authority over the Care Plan development process and leads the person centered planning process where possible. The consumer chooses where and when the home visit to develop the Care Plan will take place, and who the consumer wants to participate in the Care Plan meeting. The Division of Long Term Services and Supports Specialist typically meets with the consumer in his/her home, and with others, e.g., authorized representative, family and/or friends whom the consumer wants to include in the person centered care planning process. During the Care Plan meeting the Specialist provides information about the Waiver, service options, and service provider options that are available to provide waiver services to the consumer. The consumer is informed of the choice between waiver services and institutional care and choice of providers. In the early stages of Care Plan development and thereafter as needed, the consumer is informed about all of the choices that are available to enable him/her to make informed decisions throughout the care planning process, i.e., choice in services (waiver and non-waiver, paid and unpaid), choice in providers.

The Specialist is available to the consumer and his/her authorized representatives to answer questions, provide information, and offer support throughout the care planning process. The LTSS Regional Supervisor and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager are also available to provide information and support to the consumer and his/her family.

d. Service Plan Development Process. In four pages or less, describe the process that is used to develop the participant-centered service plan, including: (a) who develops the plan, who participates in the process, and the timing of the plan; (b) the types of assessments that are conducted to support the service plan development process, including securing information about participant needs, preferences and goals, and health status; (c) how the participant is informed of the services that are available under the waiver; (d) how the plan development process ensures that the service plan addresses participant goals, needs (including health care needs), and preferences; (e) how waiver and other services are coordinated; (f) how the plan development process provides for the assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the plan; and, (g) how and when the plan is updated, including when the participant's needs change. State laws, regulations, and policies cited that affect the service plan development process are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

When a consumer, his/her family, authorized representative, or other interested parties make a referral by contacting (e.g., email, fax, telephone, walk-in) the Division of Long Term Services and Supports for long-term services and supports, a standardized intake screen, SD Choices, is completed with the consumer. Responses to the intake screen questions result in one of five service levels to assist the LTSS Specialist in objectively identifying the scope of services which the consumer may need. Consumers at a SD Choices service level 1 generally may only need information and/or a referral to a provider of the consumer’s choice for basic services, e.g., emergency response system, medical equipment, medical supplies, nutritional supplements, meals and/or need assistance to access basic services. Consumers at a service level 2 (in addition to having a need for information and/or a referral to a provider of the consumer’s choice for basic services and/or assistance to access basic services) are offered an in-home visit to assess their need for homemaker services.

Potential waiver consumers, based on their higher level of need typically fall into service levels 3, 4 or 5. All consumers at a service level 3, 4, or 5 are offered an in-home visit to complete an assessment (e.g., personal care,
nursing services). Because the service level outcome of the SD Choices is based on an individual consumer’s responses, if the Specialist believes the consumer under-estimated (or over-estimated) his/her needs, the Specialist will offer an in-home visit to the consumer to further assess, utilizing the Community Health Assessment, and ascertain his/her need for community-based services and supports. The SD Choices intake screen includes items which are completed by the Specialist under the following sections: living arrangement, health status, activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, communication, cognition, and behavior. The SD Choices provides information on the consumer's capacities, health status and risk factors culminating in an outcome of the consumer's level of service need.

Within 7 to 10 days from completing the consumer’s intake, the Specialist conducts a home visit to complete the Community Health Assessment (CHA), a standardized assessment tool utilized for all initial assessments and reassessments. The consumer chooses if and when he/she would like to complete the assessment, and if he/she would like another person to be present.

The Community Health Assessment includes the consumer's expressed goal of care or outcomes that the person hopes to achieve as a result of receiving services. The CHA includes items completed by the Specialist under the following sections: living arrangement and residential history, cognition, communication and vision, mood, psychosocial well-being, functional status, activities of daily living, continence, disease diagnoses, health conditions, nutritional status, medications, treatments and procedures, social supports, and environmental assessment.

A Functional Supplement to the Community Health Assessment is completed when algorithms embedded in the CHA are triggered based on a consumer’s increased needs. Algorithms embedded in the CHA and/or the Functional Supplement trigger Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs). The Clinical Assessment Protocols triggers link the information gathered in the assessment to the basic need(s) referenced by a CAP. The CAPs focus on a person’s function and quality of life, including the person’s needs, strengths, and preferences in the following four broad areas: 1) Functional Performance; 2) Cognition and Mental Health; 3) Social Life; and 4) Clinical Issues. Within these areas one or more of the following CAPs may be triggered: Physical Activities, Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, Activities of Daily Living, Home Environment, Institutional Risk, Physical Restraints, Cognitive Loss, Delirium, Communication, Mood, Behavior, Abusive Relationship, Informal Support, Social Relationship, Falls, Pain, Pressure Ulcer, Cardio Respiratory, Undernutrition, Dehydration, Feeding Tube, Prevention, Appropriate Medications, Tobacco and Alcohol Use, Urinary Incontinence and Bowel Conditions. The CAPs triggered assist to identify needs to include in the development of the Care Plan. When needs are identified, the consumer and/or authorized representative of the consumer, indicate how each need is addressed or not addressed through paid services and unpaid services, i.e., natural supports or other services available in the community. Each CAP that is triggered is addressed. The consumer can choose to not address a triggered CAP; however, if a waiver service is currently or will be provided to meet the consumer’s needs, the triggered CAP must have a corresponding goal/strategy in the Care Plan.

Once the CHA is completed and all unmet needs are identified, the Specialist shares with the consumer the type of services he/she may be eligible for through the Division of Long Term Services and Supports. When waiver services may be able to meet the needs of the consumer, information on the Waiver and assistance on applying for financial eligibility are provided to the consumer. The Specialist gathers and reviews all relevant documentation (i.e., completed SD Choices and Community Health Assessment) and information obtained during intake. The Specialist schedules a meeting with the consumer in his/her home to develop the Care Plan within thirty days of the intake. The Specialist asks the consumer if he/she wants others, e.g., family, friends included in the care planning process.

Development of the person centered Care Plan is a collaborative process with the consumer, the consumer’s family, friends, authorized representative, and the Specialist. Care Plan development includes assisting the consumer to identify his/her needs, preferences, strengths, capacities and desired outcomes. Information gathered from the CHA and the CAPs also assist in identifying the needs, preferences, and strengths of the consumer, resulting in the type of services needed to support the consumer to continue living at home in the community. The Care Plan addresses both paid and unpaid services and supports which the consumer receives. The Specialist discusses available options with the consumer and his/her representative for addressing unmet needs. The Specialist reviews the type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency of services recommended and provides the consumer with an estimated cost(s) of each service contained in the Care Plan. In addition to the CAPs, information on how needs are or are not addressed, the strategy to address unmet needs, and the estimated cost of services, the Care Plan encompasses the consumer’s personal goals, emergency/disaster preparedness plan and critical service back-up plan.
The consumer and his/her authorized representative can choose to decline portions of or the entire Care Plan. If a consumer initially declines an identified service to meet an assessed need, he or she can decide at a later time to add the service(s) if the assessed need continues to be unmet.

The Care Plan is signed by the consumer and/or authorized representative and the Specialist. By signing the Care Plan, the consumer and/or authorized representative acknowledges agreement with the Care Plan and the following statements:

- I have been offered the choice of all providers of services contained in this plan.
- I understand I have the right to be free from abuse and neglect. I have been provided with an informational brochure on abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- I have been provided with an informational brochure on preventative health care.
- I have been provided information on home and community-based services and understand the service options that are available to me. I understand I have the right to choose between receiving services in my home and community and receiving services in a nursing facility.
- I understand I have the choice and the right to accept, or to refuse all or part of the services contained in this plan.
- I understand it is my responsibility to notify The Division of Long Term Services and Supports, who is responsible for monitoring my plan, of any change in my living, medical, or financial status.
- I understand I may have a financial responsibility for the services I receive.

The Specialist is responsible for ensuring the provision of services identified in the Care Plan and monitoring the Care Plan. Each waiver consumer’s Care Plan is revised at least annually, or when the consumer’s needs change. The Specialist is responsible for amending the Care Plan when the consumer’s needs change. A consumer’s change in need(s) can be identified through quarterly contacts, six month review, annual review, and communication with the Specialist by the consumer, his/her family or authorized representative, or service provider. The Care Plan is a standardized form utilized across all Division of Long Term Services and Supports programs and services. To ensure coordination of services for the consumer, paid and unpaid services and natural supports are addressed in the Care Plan.

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e. Risk Assessment and Mitigation. Specify how potential risks to the participant are assessed during the service plan development process and how strategies to mitigate risk are incorporated into the service plan, subject to participant needs and preferences. In addition, describe how the service plan development process addresses backup plans and the arrangements that are used for backup.

Algorithms in the Community Health Assessment and the Functional Supplement trigger Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs) which assist the Long Term Services and Supports Specialist to objectively identify the consumer’s needs and assess possible risks. CAP triggers embedded in the assessment link the information gathered in the assessment to the basic problem referenced by a CAP. The CAP triggers seeks to identify two types of consumers. First are consumers who have a higher than expected likelihood of declining and second, are consumers who have an increased likelihood of improving including those declining due to a recent acute problem and whose symptoms will be alleviated when the problem is addressed. For each CAP triggered the Specialist discusses the problem with the consumer, who then assists in developing appropriate strategies to address underlying issues. CAPS guide the Care Plan development to resolve problems, reduce the risk of decline, or increase the potential for improvement in four broad areas: Functional Performance, Cognition and Mental Health, Social Life, and Clinical Issues.

The Specialist assists the consumer to identify their strengths, preferences, and needs in addressing the consumer’s triggered problem areas. The preferences and priorities of the consumer guide the person centered care planning process by addressing the specific needs of the consumer. In addition, the Care Plan contains an Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Plan to address the consumer’s preparedness plans for fire, tornado, blizzard, and power outage. The plan also describes the information provided by the Specialist to the consumer on evacuation plans for fire (e.g., smoke detector, fire extinguisher), emergency shelter plan for tornado (e.g., weather alert, interior room plan) and a plan for blizzard/power outage (e.g., food and water supply, power/heat alternative source). The Specialist assists the consumer to identify any devices or services the consumer may require during an emergency.
and arranges for those services as part of Care Plan development, either through waiver services or an alternate resource or community service or support. For example, each fall Specialists distribute “heater meals” to those consumers who may be impacted by severe winter weather conditions, i.e. blizzard. “Heater meals” can be prepared without electricity enabling the consumer to have a warm, nutritious meal if there is a power outage or the consumer is stranded in their home and unable to obtain food. Additional informational emergency preparedness tools are provided and explained including an emergency telephone list, medication list, and an emergency readiness checklist.

A consumer may also be identified as needing a critical service back-up plan. The Specialist and consumer develop a back-up plan when the consumer has needs that prevent him/her from being left alone for extended periods of time, requires a service provided 24/7 or without the service (e.g., oxygen, injection, medication, wound care, therapy, etc.) the consumer’s health would immediately decline, and the consumer has few, if any, natural supports. When a consumer is identified as needing a critical service back-up plan, the Specialist will communicate the need to the provider(s) and work with the consumer and the provider(s) to coordinate service provision when the usual caregiver (s) is not available to provide services, i.e., personal care, nursing services to the consumer.

Additionally, as part of Care Plan development, the Specialist reminds consumers with identified critical service needs that during inclement weather providers may not be able to deliver scheduled services. The Specialist assists these consumers in identifying an emergency back-up person, (family, friend or neighbor), who can be contacted to check on the consumer and respond in an emergency situation, e.g., blizzard, power outage.

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f. Informed Choice of Providers. Describe how participants are assisted in obtaining information about and selecting from among qualified providers of the waiver services in the service plan.

When a consumer’s needs are identified and a Care Plan is developed, the consumer is offered a choice of service providers to utilize for their service delivery. Consumers must choose the service provider, and the Long Term Services and Supports Specialist can help the consumer obtain information about the qualified providers of the waiver services in the Care Plan. The Specialist provides the consumer with a list of all waiver providers for the services contained in the Care Plan. The list includes contact information, e.g. phone numbers, address, and website. The consumer can review the list and contact providers to make inquiries. The Specialist also offers the consumer a “Consumer Decision Tool” which contains a list of questions for the consumer to ask in-home providers to assist in determining which provider may best meet their needs. Consumers can take their time choosing a provider. The Specialist will follow-up with the consumer, offering additional encouragement, until the consumer has made a choice of provider. When a consumer with unmet needs resides in an area of the state (rural area) where there is a lack of provider coverage, the Specialist communicates this to the Regional Supervisor and the HCBS Program Manager who work to recruit additional providers in that area of the state. When there is a lack of a provider in a remote or sparsely populated area of the state (frontier area), the HCBS Program Manager makes every effort to recruit new providers and/or request a provider expand their coverage area to include the remote area where the consumer resides. The Specialist also works with the consumer to identify unpaid and natural supports to meet the consumer’s unmet need(s).

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g. Process for Making Service Plan Subject to the Approval of the Medicaid Agency. Describe the process by which the service plan is made subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency in accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i):

As described in Appendix A, DHSS/LTSS (operating agency) and DSS (Single State Medicaid Agency) have a MOU, signed by the Cabinet Secretary of each department, defining the responsibilities of each. The MOU indicates that DSS shall monitor DHS/LTSS operation of the HOPE waiver program through review of DHS/LTSS Service Plan Review and review and approve/deny all administrative rule changes related participant Care Plan development.

Each quarter LTSS provides the SSMA with a report, which contains the results of a review of a representative random sample of participant Care Plans.
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h. Service Plan Review and Update. The service plan is subject to at least annual periodic review and update to assess the appropriateness and adequacy of the services as participant needs change. Specify the minimum schedule for the review and update of the service plan:

- [ ] Every three months or more frequently when necessary
- [ ] Every six months or more frequently when necessary
- [ ] Every twelve months or more frequently when necessary
- [ ] Other schedule

Specify the other schedule:

i. Maintenance of Service Plan Forms. Written copies or electronic facsimiles of service plans are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required by 45 CFR §92.42. Service plans are maintained by the following (check each that applies):

- [ ] Medicaid agency
- [x] Operating agency
- [ ] Case manager
- [ ] Other

Specify:

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D-2: Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring

a. Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring. Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for monitoring the implementation of the service plan and participant health and welfare; (b) the monitoring and follow-up method(s) that are used; and, (c) the frequency with which monitoring is performed.

The Division of Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) employs LTSS Specialists who are responsible for monitoring the implementation of consumer Care Plans and consumer health and welfare. During the initial and annual person centered care planning process, the Specialist discusses the importance of preventative health care, the preventative health care available and if the consumer chooses, includes a preventative health care goal on the consumer’s Care Plan. The Specialist provides the consumer with information on preventative health care which may include informational handouts or brochures on free or low cost healthcare services including vaccinations and screenings, taking an active role in their health care, the benefits of exercise, questions to ask about their medication, and a variety of other topics of specific interest or directly related to a consumer’s health condition, i.e., diabetes, heart disease, hearing loss, high blood pressure, smoking, alcohol use, pain, etc. The Specialist also provides information on abuse, neglect and exploitation including the signs of possible abuse, neglect and exploitation and how and where to report. During an initial home visit to develop the Care Plan, the Specialist provides the consumer and his/her authorized representative with a brochure titled, “Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation of Elders or Adults with Disabilities” on abuse, neglect, and exploitation and explains the information contained in the brochure. The brochure provides information about abuse, neglect and exploitation including information regarding South Dakota’s mandatory reporting law, recognizing signs of possible abuse, neglect or exploitation, and also provides contact information regarding where and how to report. Thereafter, at each annual review of the Care Plan, the Specialist discusses with the consumer the signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation stressing that he/she has the right to be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation and offers the consumer additional copies of the brochure. The consumer and/or authorized representative acknowledge receipt of information on abuse, neglect, and exploitation through the following statement on the Care Plan, “I understand I have the right to be free from abuse and neglect. I have been provided with an informational brochure on abuse, neglect and exploitation.” and acknowledgement of receipt of
information on preventative health care through the following statement, “I have been provided with an informational brochure on preventative health care”.

The Specialist is always aware of the potential need for Adult Protective Services (APS), even if the information does not clearly identify there is an ‘adult protection’ situation. Consumers may be reporting a situation that needs immediate APS follow-up without stating specific details or providing an immediate cause for action. These may include but are not limited to the following:

- Medical noncompliance (i.e., refusal to follow medical advice that may result in need for immediate medical intervention);
- Inadequate attention to physical needs (i.e., not enough food, lack of access to medical care or medication, lack of heat or cooling in the home, no one checking in on the individual who is not mobile or is bedridden);
- Serious, but not life threatening self-neglect (i.e., hoarding, deterioration due to not eating or bathing, not taking medication or seeking medical attention);
- Intimidation by a caregiver (i.e., threatens to harm, to withhold care or a threat resulting in mental anguish); or
- Other situations that indicate a need for face to face follow-up.

Upon receipt of a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation the Specialist as a mandatory reporter per South Dakota Codified Law 22-46 follows the Adult Protective Services Policy. Additionally, the Specialist ensures a “welfare check” is completed when a contact with a consumer has been attempted but failed due to the lack of a consumer’s response. The Specialist may contact law enforcement to perform a “welfare check” or to accompany the Specialist on a “welfare check”.

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 22-46 providers are mandated to report any suspected abuse or neglect of a consumer. A Supplemental Provider Agreement requires providers to have a policy on Abuse and Neglect Reporting which conforms to the mandatory reporting laws and to provide annual training on the mandatory reporting laws to provider staff.

Additionally, per the Supplemental Provider Agreement, providers must notify the Division of Long Term Services and Supports of any consumer-related concerns, incidents and occurrences, including possible exploitation, that are not consistent with routine care. Providers must also submit an incident report to the Specialist documenting the circumstances of any incident that involves serious injury, missing person, restraint, seclusion, or death. Providers are directed to alert Specialists of changes in the consumer’s needs (i.e., if authorized services need to be increased or decreased).

During the annual review when the Care Plan is signed by the consumer, the Specialist authorizes services by provider(s) using the Authorization for Services form. The Authorization for Services form specifies the type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency of services to be provided by the provider. The provider(s) must sign and return the Authorization for Services form within seven days of receipt. The Specialist tracks the return of the Authorization for Services form to ensure the form has been received by the provider and the provider has agreed to provide the service(s). If the signed Authorization for Services form is not received within seven days, the Specialist contacts the provider to follow up. Once the signed Authorization for Services form has been returned, the provider has seven days to initiate service delivery.

The Specialist has regular communication with the service provider(s) who report changes in the consumer’s needs, i.e., health and welfare and whether there is a need to increase or decrease services or add additional services. The Specialist also contacts the consumer by telephone within two weeks following authorization of services to inquire as to whether services started and if yes, how services have been going and if the consumer has any questions or concerns regarding services. The Specialist will conduct follow up with provider(s) when the consumer is not satisfied with services or services have not begun.

A consumer’s change in need(s) is identified by the Specialist in regular communication, i.e., quarterly contacts, six month review, annual review, and communication with the Specialist by the consumer, his/her family or authorized representative, or service provider. Through these opportunities the Specialists seeks to assure the consumer’s needs continue to be met through the provision of waiver and/or non-waiver services. The Specialist meets with the consumer in his/her home twice per year, at the six month review and again at the annual review. The Specialist communicates with the consumer through quarterly contacts inquiring about services and whether there is a need for changes, questions or concerns regarding services. When a significant change, i.e., decline in health, improvement
in health, change in informal supports, change in living environment is reported or suspected in the consumer’s needs, the will schedule a home visit to ascertain whether a reassessment needs to be completed and/or changes to the Care Plan are warranted. When changes are made the Care Plan is amended prior to the Annual Review.

A request for a change in goals or strategies from the consumer or his/her authorized representative or a change in the consumer’s needs are reflected on the Care Plan by modifying goals or strategies; implementing new goals or strategies; or discontinuing goals or strategies. Changes made to the Care Plan prior to the Annual Review are documented on the Care Plan addendum. When an annual Community Health Assessment has previously been completed and there is a need to revise the Care Plan prior to the six month review, discussion is held with the consumer to add a goal and strategy which is documented on the Care Plan addendum. At the six month review during a home visit with the consumer, the Care Plan is reviewed with the consumer and his/her authorized representative including goals and strategies. The Specialist and the consumer discuss progress towards achieving goals; whether the goals and strategies continue to be appropriate and whether any changes to the Care Plan are needed. The Specialist visits with the consumer about his/her satisfaction with services and the service provider(s). All changes made prior to and during the Six Month Review (i.e., goal/strategy changed, added or discontinued due to changes in services or at the request of the consumer) are documented on the Care Plan Addendum and the consumer’s signature is obtained.

Consumers receiving in-home waiver services are advised in writing “If you have a concern about the services you receive, call the Specialist or the agency provider immediately. Services will not be jeopardized if you report a concern.” When a consumer reports dissatisfaction with a service provider’s provision of services, the Specialist conducts follow-up with the service provider to address the dissatisfaction. The consumer may request a change in waiver service providers and choose another service provider from a list provided by the Specialist of qualified waiver service providers.

Through these processes, the Care Plan may be amended based on the consumer’s need for increased services or decreased services or additional services or discontinuation of services. While the Specialist conducts all direct monitoring of the consumer’s Care Plan and health and welfare, other safeguards are in place to assure that the health and welfare of all consumers is protected. The HCBS Program Manager and the Critical Incident Review Team review each region’s information and identify individual problems that require remediation. The identified individual problems are forwarded to the LTSS Regional Supervisor who works with the specific Specialist to assure remediation. Additional safeguards are explained in more detail in the Quality Improvement section of Appendix G.

b. Monitoring Safeguards. Select one:

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.

The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that monitoring is conducted in the best interests of the participant. Specify:

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Quality Improvement: Service Plan

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Service Plan Assurance/Sub-assurances

The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for reviewing the adequacy of service plans for waiver participants.

i. Sub-Assurances:
a. **Sub-assurance:** Service plans address all participants’ assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and personal goals, either by the provision of waiver services or through other means.

**Performance Measures**

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of consumer Care Plans that address health and safety risk factors. Numerator = Number of Care Plans that address assessed risk. Denominator = Number of Care Plans reviewed.

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b. Sub-assurance: The State monitors service plan development in accordance with its policies and procedures.

Performance Measures

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c. Sub-assurance: Service plans are updated/revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver participant’s needs.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of consumer Care Plans updated/revised at least annually.
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### Performance Measure:

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of consumers who received services of the type and scope specified in the Care Plan. Numerator = Number of consumers who received services of the type and scope specified in the Care Plan. Denominator = Number of consumers reviewed.

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   e. Sub-assurance: Participants are afforded choice: Between/among waiver services and providers.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The continuous quality improvement activities for the Care Plan sub-assurances are conducted primarily by the Division of Long Term Services and Supports Regional Supervisors, Regional Managers and the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager. The Regional Supervisors are responsible for the quarterly on-site record review process for all Performance Measures in the Care Plan assurance.

Quarterly, the HCBS Program Manager provides the LTSS Regional Supervisors a random sample of waiver consumers for whom Care Plans must be reviewed. The HCBS Program Manager utilizes a random sample selection process to make the consumer assignments by LTSS Regional Office coverage area. The universe for the random sample for the first three quarters of the year is the projected number of waiver consumers for that year. The projected number of waiver consumers is entered into the Raosoft sample calculator to determine a sample size. For the last quarter of the year, the universe is updated to reflect the actual number of waiver consumers for the year and the sample size is updated based on the actual number of waiver consumers for the year as well.

Once the sample size is determined, the universe for the quarter is limited to waiver consumers due for an annual review. This ensures any reviews that were not completed timely are immediately identified and remediated. This also ensures the consumer’s assessed needs and/or health and welfare risk factors that previously were not addressed, will be met as soon as possible in the Care Plan implementation.

Regional Supervisors are randomly assigned Care Plans to review from another region in the state and therefore do not review Care Plans which were developed within their assigned regional office coverage area. This assignment changes quarterly to ensure objectivity within the review process. All Care Plans are stored electronically in the State of South Dakota’s FileDirector system, a digital document reviewing program, which allows the LTSS Regional Supervisors to review consumer Care Plans remotely on their office computers. To ensure Performance Measures are being met, the ASA Regional Supervisors review a consumer’s current Care Plan. When a Performance Measure requires a comparison of current consumer assessment with the current Care Plan, the reviewer correlates the assessment to the Care Plan to determine if all assessed needs are addressed in the Care Plan.

When a Performance Measure requires review of the previous Care Plan as well as the current Care Plan, the reviewer compares the dates that the consumer signed the Care Plans to determine if the current Care Plan was completed within one year of the previous Care Plan. Other Performance Measures that require a comparison of the current Care Plan with paid claims to verify services were provided in accordance with the Care Plan are reviewed by the LTSS Regional Managers.

The HCBS Program Manager maintains and provides Excel Spreadsheets to the LTSS Regional Supervisors and LTSS Regional Managers for tracking data gathered, listing every consumer to be reviewed, and the
Performance Measures to be reviewed. This process specifies notations to be made for Performance Measures met by the Care Plan and Performance Measures that require remediation.

Upon completion of the quarterly review, the completed Excel Spreadsheets are returned to the HCBS Program Manager for data aggregation and analysis. The HCBS Program Manager identifies trends by looking at completed statewide reviews over a series of quarters. Data analysis and trends are presented to the Waiver Review Committee quarterly. The Waiver Review Committee will determine how statewide trends can be remediated and how additional staff training or changes to the waiver design could result in quality improvements.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems
   i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Regional Supervisors conduct quarterly reviews of all consumer Care Plans to identify and document individual problems that require remediation. Where possible, the Regional Supervisors are asked to identify why a Performance Measure was not met.

When individual problems are identified in Care Plans that do not address all of a consumer’s assessed needs and personal goals, the Specialist remediates the problem by revising or amending the Care Plan to bring it into compliance. If at any time a consumer is in harm’s way, the Specialist takes immediate action to assure the consumer is safe. Actions taken may include immediately assisting the consumer to leave the setting where he/she resides, locate an alternative housing option, and work towards an immediate resolution to the identified problem.

When it is identified that a consumer is not afforded choice between institutional care, waiver services, and/or providers, the Specialist contacts the consumer by telephone or makes a home visit to discuss these choices. The consumer may request a change in waiver providers and can choose from a list of qualified waiver providers provided by the Specialist. When the result is a change from one provider to another for the same service, the process may only require the change to be reflected on the Authorization for Services form. The Authorization for Services form specifies the type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency of services to be provided by the provider.

When it is identified that a Care Plan is not revised/amended at least annually or when warranted due to changes in a consumer’s needs, these individual problems may be explained by a consumer’s unavailability at the time of the scheduled annual review. In this situation, the LTSS Regional Supervisor may note that the consumer was hospitalized at the time the Care Plan was scheduled to be developed. In those cases where the consumer remains unavailable, the Specialist must obtain information on the consumer’s whereabouts and plans to return to his/her home. If the consumer still cannot be available for the annual review, he/she is removed from the waiver program. Should the consumer return home and want to reenroll in the waiver program, he/she is given the opportunity to reenroll and receive waiver services. If the consumer was available, but the Specialist did not develop the Care Plan in a timely manner, the Specialist will promptly meet with the consumer to develop the Care Plan. Consumers served under the waiver can request a fair hearing per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:17:02. Consumers are informed of this right following their initial application for waiver services and in the Notice of Action they receive from the Division of Economic Assistance. Consumers are notified through the DSS-EA-266 form which is provided to the consumer following receipt of the application and thereafter when waiver services are approved, reduced, discontinued, extended, terminated or denied for any reason.

Individual problems that are identified when the Care Plan is not revised/amended when the consumer’s needs change are remediated by immediately developing a new or revised Care Plan based on the level of change in the consumer’s needs. If the Specialist did not complete the Care Plan or did not revise the Care Plan in a timely manner when the consumer’s needs changed, the Specialist will be retrained on waiver processes and procedures and Care Plan development.

When individual problems are identified due to services not being delivered in accordance with the Care Plan, (including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the Care Plan), the Care Plan is immediately revised to accurately reflect the services provided. If it is determined the services in the Care Plan adequately meet the consumer’s needs, but are not being delivered by the provider, remediation includes
communication with the provider and the consumer to determine the cause of the variance in services identified in the Care Plan versus the services delivered. If the provider cannot deliver the necessary services, the consumer is asked to choose a provider who offers provision of the identified services. The Specialist assists the consumer in transitioning to the service provider(s) of his/her choice.

Whenever it is identified that Care Plan development is not being implemented in accordance with policies and procedures, the Specialist is retrained on the Division of Long Term Services and Supports policies and procedures including waiver processes and Care Plan development. Trends are identified to determine if individual Specialists are consistently not following the Division’s policies and procedures in the development of Care Plans, or if the problems are not Specialist specific. If identified problems are Specialist specific, a Regional Supervisor will determine the appropriate personnel action that may be required.

Quarterly the HCBS Program Manager provides a report to the Waiver Review Committee which includes trends identified through data aggregation and analysis including individual problems and remediation activities. The Waiver Review Committee is led by the HCBS Program Manager and includes the following additional members: LTSS Director and Deputy Division Director, Nurse Consultant Program Manager, Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Program Manager, Training Coordinator, Regional Managers, Regional Supervisors, and two LTSS Specialists. The LTSS Waiver Review Committee meets quarterly to discuss consumer and provider issues and to set priorities for system-wide quality improvement. As a result of an analysis of the discovery and remediation information presented to the Waiver Review Committee, system improvements are identified and design changes are made.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation
Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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c. Timelines
When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Service Plans that are currently non-operational.

[ ] No
[ ] Yes
Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Service Plans, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

Applicability (from Application Section 3, Components of the Waiver Request):
☐ Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Complete the remainder of the Appendix.

☐ No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Do not complete the remainder of the Appendix.

CMS urges states to afford all waiver participants the opportunity to direct their services. Participant direction of services includes the participant exercising decision-making authority over workers who provide services, a participant-managed budget or both. CMS will confer the Independence Plus designation when the waiver evidences a strong commitment to participant direction.

Indicate whether Independence Plus designation is requested (select one):

☐ Yes. The State requests that this waiver be considered for Independence Plus designation.

☐ No. Independence Plus designation is not requested.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (1 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (2 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (3 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (4 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (5 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (6 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (7 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (8 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (9 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (10 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (11 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (12 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (13 of 13)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant Direction (1 of 6)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (2 of 6)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (3 of 6)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (4 of 6)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (5 of 6)

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Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (6 of 6)

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Appendix F: Participant Rights

Appendix F-1: Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing

The State provides an opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based services as an alternative to the institutional care specified in Item 1-F of the request; (b) are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or, (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. The State provides notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.

Procedures for Offering Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing. Describe how the individual (or his/her legal representative) is informed of the opportunity to request a fair hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E. Specify the notice(s) that are used to offer individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing. State laws, regulations, policies and notices referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

Consumers served under the waiver can request a fair hearing per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD). Consumers are made aware of this right following their initial application for waiver services and in the Notice of Action they receive from the Division of Economic Assistance. Consumers are notified via the DSS-EA-266 form which is sent following receipt of the application and thereafter when waiver services are approved, reduced, discontinued, extended, terminated or denied for any reason. This notice (DSS-EA-266) states that the individual has a right to fair hearing as follows:

Right to hearing - If your application for assistance is denied or you do not agree with the action the Department has taken, you may appeal such action.

How to request a hearing - You may begin the hearing procedure by filing a signed, written request for a hearing to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2291, Fax (605) 773-6873. The request must state the action that is being appealed. At both the conference and the fair hearing, you can present your case by yourself or with assistance of other’s including legal counsel. The cost of legal counsel will not, however, be the responsibility of the Department.

Thirty Day Limitation - You may request a fair hearing within (30) days after notice of the proposed action, or thirty (30) days after action should have been taken as provided by law or rule.

Status of payments during hearing process - If you want to ensure that your payments remain the same pending the hearing decision, you must request within ten (10) days after the notice of the proposed change. If the action of the Department is upheld, you may have to repay the amount of money you received during the hearing process. If you have any questions about hearings or time limits, contact your Benefits Specialist. You may request your Benefits Specialist to assist you in your request for a hearing.

In order to be eligible for Home and Community-Based Waiver services, the individual must file a Long-Term Care Application with the Division of Economic Assistance. If the individual fails to cooperate with this requirement, a Notice of Action is sent to the individual by the Adult Services and Aging Specialist which states in part:

Notice of Right to Fair Hearing:
You have the right to appeal decisions that adversely affect you. You have the right to a fair hearing. You have the right to appear in person at the time of the hearing, or be assisted at the hearing by a representative or lawyer at your own cost, and to withdraw or abandon the hearing at any time. If the appeal is on behalf of a corporation, the corporation must be
represented by an attorney at all stages of the appeal. Your request for a hearing must be in writing. Please address all appeals to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-6851 or Fax to 605-773-6873. The request must be made within 30 days after the date of this notice and as provided by law or rule.

Administrative Rules regarding the Right to a Fair Hearing include:

67:17:02:01. Right to hearing. An individual or entity that is aggrieved by the department’s action or inaction taken under the provisions of Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Title 67 may request a hearing. A hearing is conducted under the provisions of this chapter and South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) Chapter 1-26. A hearing is not allowed if either state or federal law requires automatic grant adjustments unless the reason for the hearing is an incorrect computation.

67:17:02:02. Right to be informed of hearing process. The department shall inform each applicant and recipient of the right to request a hearing. The department shall print this information on all applications for public assistance and on all formal notices issued by the department concerning an action taken.

67:17:02:03. Hearing Requests. To appeal a department action or inaction made under the food stamp program, the individual must clearly express to the department an intent to appeal. The request for an appeal may be made either orally or in writing.

67:17:02:04. Time limits for requesting hearing. A request for a fair hearing must be made within one of the following time limits: (6) Thirty days after notice of the action complained of or of the conference decision or 30 days after action should have been taken by the department as provided by law or rule.

For all other department programs, to appeal a department action or inaction the individual or an individual representing the entity affected must submit a written and signed request for a hearing to the Department of Social Services, Office of Administrative Hearings. A person assisting an individual such as a relative, friend, or attorney may request a hearing on the individual’s behalf.

67:17:02:27. Final decision by secretary. Based on the transcript or recording of testimony, the exhibits, and the proposed decision, the secretary or a designee shall enter a final decision accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed decision. If the hearing involves a food stamp issue, the decision must be mailed to the parties involved within 60 days after the request for the hearing. For all other hearings, the decision must be mailed to the parties involved within 90 days from the date of the request for the hearing. If a continuance of a hearing is requested and the parties to the action stipulate to the continuance, the time allowed for mailing the final decision is extended for the same number of days for which the continuance is granted.

When making a request for a hearing, the individual requesting the appeal must indicate what department action is being appealed. If the reason for the appeal is unclear, any party involved in the action may request the Office of Administrative Hearings to further clarify the issue.

Steps for requesting a fair hearing are available to the public on the Department’s website. Additionally, forms and publications available online to the public include the “Administrative Hearings Brochure,” Guide to Administrative Hearings Procedure” and “Request for Administrative Hearing.”

If the entity requesting a hearing is a corporation, the corporation must be represented throughout the hearing process by its attorney.

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 1-26-18.23 Any individual in a contested case exceeding $250.00 may request that a hearing be held by the Office of Hearing Examiners which is an entity separate and apart from the Department of Social Services. Additionally, SDCL 1-26-30.2 states that an appeal shall be allowed in the circuit court to any party in a contested case from a final decision, ruling, or action of an agency.

Thus, an individual who receives an adverse Notice of Action is entitled to a fair hearing from the Department. If it is in excess of $250.00, they may request a hearing from an independent branch of state government and all adverse decisions are appealable to the Circuit Court which would likewise be appealable to the Supreme Court. In sum, there is a process which would allow an individual who receives an adverse Notice of Action to appeal that decision all the way to the State Supreme Court.

Appendix F: Participant-Rights
Appendix F-2: Additional Dispute Resolution Process

a. Availability of Additional Dispute Resolution Process. Indicate whether the State operates another dispute resolution process that offers participants the opportunity to appeal decisions that adversely affect their services while preserving their right to a Fair Hearing. Select one:

- No. This Appendix does not apply
- Yes. The State operates an additional dispute resolution process

b. Description of Additional Dispute Resolution Process. Describe the additional dispute resolution process, including: (a) the State agency that operates the process; (b) the nature of the process (i.e., procedures and timeframes), including the types of disputes addressed through the process; and, (c) how the right to a Medicaid Fair Hearing is preserved when a participant elects to make use of the process: State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

Appendix F: Participant-Rights

Appendix F-3: State Grievance/Complaint System

a. Operation of Grievance/Complaint System. Select one:

- No. This Appendix does not apply
- Yes. The State operates a grievance/complaint system that affords participants the opportunity to register grievances or complaints concerning the provision of services under this waiver

b. Operational Responsibility. Specify the State agency that is responsible for the operation of the grievance/complaint system:

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-1: Response to Critical Events or Incidents

a. Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process. Indicate whether the State operates Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process that enables the State to collect information on sentinel events occurring in the waiver program. Select one:

- Yes. The State operates a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process (complete Items b through e)
- No. This Appendix does not apply (do not complete Items b through e)

If the State does not operate a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process, describe the process that the State uses to elicit information on the health and welfare of individuals served through the program.
b. **State Critical Event or Incident Reporting Requirements.** Specify the types of critical events or incidents (including alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation) that the State requires to be reported for review and follow-up action by an appropriate authority, the individuals and/or entities that are required to report such events and incidents and the timelines for reporting. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Types of critical events or incidents that the State requires to be reported for review and follow-up action by an appropriate authority:

Per South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 22-46, Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of Elders or Adults with Disabilities, abuse is defined as “physical harm, bodily injury, or attempt to cause physical harm or injury, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm or bodily injury on an elder or a disabled adult” and neglect is defined as “harm to an elder's or a disabled adult's health or welfare, without reasonable medical justification, caused by the conduct of a person responsible for the elder's or disabled adult's health or welfare, within the means available for the elder or disabled adult, including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care”.

Exploitation is defined in 22-46 as “the wrongful taking or exercising of control over property of an elder or a disabled adult with intent to defraud the elder or disabled adult” and 22-46-3 states “Any person who, having assumed the duty by written contract, by receipt of payment for care, or by order of a court to provide for the support of an elder or a disabled adult, and having been entrusted with the property of that elder or disabled adult, with intent to defraud, appropriates such property to a use or purpose not in the due and lawful execution of that person's trust, is guilty of theft by exploitation. Theft by exploitation is punishable as theft pursuant to chapter 22-30A.”.

In addition to the types of critical events or incidents listed above, the Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) requires In Home waiver and Assisted Living providers to report incidents involving serious injury, missing person, restraint, seclusion or death of waiver consumers to the Division of Long Term Services and Supports.

Individuals and/or entities that are required to report such events and incidents and the timelines for reporting:

Per SDCL 22-46-9 and 22-46-10 (Mandatory Reporting), individuals in the medical and mental health professions and employees or entities with ongoing contact with and exposure to elders and adults with disabilities, are required to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect of elders and adults with disabilities. There are two groups of mandatory reporters and the process for reporting is different for each group.

The first group of mandatory reporters includes physicians, dentists, doctors of osteopathy, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, religious healing practitioners, hospital interns or residents, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, social workers (including LTSS Specialists, Supervisors) or any health care professionals; psychologists, licensed mental health professionals or counselors engaged in professional counseling; or any state, county or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer. All employees within the Division of Long Term Services and Supports, specifically Specialists, Supervisors are included in this group. These individuals must make an oral or written report within 24 hours to the Department of Human Services, law enforcement or the state’s attorney.

The second group of mandatory reporters includes any staff member of a nursing facility, Assisted Living Center (ALC), adult day care center or community support provider; or any residential caregiver, individual providing homemaker services, victim advocate; or hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of elders or adults with disabilities. This group includes in-home waiver providers. Any individual in this group must report to the person in charge of the institution where the elder or adult with disabilities resides or is present, or the person in charge of providing the services within 24 hours. The person in charge must also make an oral or written report within 24 hours to the Department of Human Services, law enforcement or the state’s attorney. Although the law states this group has up to 48 hours to report, current practice is that most reports are received much sooner than the 48 hour limit.

In addition to mandatory reporting, people can make reports on a voluntary basis. Any person who knows or has reason to suspect that an elder or adult who is disabled has been abused or neglected may report that information. Persons who in good faith make a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elder or adult with disabilities are immune from civil or criminal liability per SDCL 22-46-8.
Facilities or programs that are licensed or regulated by the Department of Health or Department of Human Services follow department procedures in place for reporting.

A mandatory reporter who knowingly fails to make the required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

In accordance SDCL 22-46, In home waiver providers are mandated to report any suspected abuse or neglect of a consumer. In home waiver providers are reminded of this requirement in the Supplemental Agreement which is signed by all in home providers each year. The Provider must immediately following receipt of information notify LTSS of any consumer-related concerns, incidents and occurrences, including possible exploitation, that are not consistent with routine care. In addition, in home waiver providers must submit an incident report to the Specialist documenting the circumstances of any incident that involves serious injury, missing person, restraint, seclusion or death.

The Department of Health provides reporting instructions to providers, including Assisted Living Providers, in the “Reporting of Injuries of Unknown Source and Reasonable Suspicion of a Crime” reporting instructions. The policy states in part:

When an injury of unknown source or an allegation of a reasonable suspicion of a crime* has been reported or discovered by staff or another individual, a reasonable suspicion does not have to be first-hand knowledge. Attorneys define reasonable suspicion as: a legal standard of proof that is more than a hunch but less than probable cause. A reasonable suspicion would include observation, previous experience, and reports by residents and family members. In the event an injury of unknown source or an allegation of a reasonable suspicion of a crime has been reported or discovered; take immediate and necessary actions to provide appropriate medical care and appropriate interventions for the resident(s).

The seriousness of the event that leads to reasonable suspicion establishes two time limits for reporting:
1. Serious Bodily Injury* - 2 hour limit
2. All Others* - Within 24 hours

The reporting timeline is based on clock time, not business hours. After business hours, on weekends and holidays, the report continues to be forwarded to the state survey agency (SSA) fax 1.866.539.3886. The report must go to both the SSA and local law enforcement. An individual (facility employee) may report per policy a reasonable suspicion of a crime to the facility administrator (provided an individual has clear assurance the administrator is reporting it), who will then coordinate reporting to the SSA and local law enforcement as required. The facility may not retaliate against any individual that reports a crime. Either of the above timelines also requires a thorough investigation and the investigative findings forwarded in a report to the SSA within 5 working days.

Definitions in the “Reporting of Injuries of Unknown Source and Reasonable Suspicion of a Crime” reporting instructions are as follows:

Crime: Section 1150B (b)(1) of the Affordable Care Act provides that a “crime” is defined by law of the applicable political subdivision where a LTC facility is located. Applicable facilities must coordinate with their local law enforcement entities to determine what actions are considered crimes within their political subdivision. Political subdivisions would be a city, county, township or village, or any local unit of government created by or pursuant to State law.

Serious Bodily Injury: Section 2011 (19)(A) of the Affordable Care Act provides that “serious bodily injury” is defined as an injury with: extreme physical pain; with the possibility of loss or impairment of a bodily member, mental faculty, or organ; a risk of death; or that may require surgery, hospitalization, or rehabilitation. When in doubt with regard to whether an injury qualifies as “serious bodily injury” report using the earlier timeline.

Abuse: The willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. This included deprivation of goods or services that are necessary to attain or maintain physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being.

Physical Abuse: Hitting, slapping, pinching, and kicking. Also includes controlling behavior through corporal punishment. (per 42 CFR 483.13(b)(c)
Neglect: The failure to provide goods and services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness. (per 42 CFR 483.13(b)(c))

Misappropriation of resident property: The deliberate misplacement, exploitation, or wrongful, temporary or permanent use of a resident’s belongings or money without the resident’s consent. (per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD)).

Other per ARSD include: any death resulting from other than natural causes originating on facility property such as accidents, abuse, negligence, or suicide; any missing resident – individual away from facility without staff knowledge of department or exit time and destination; any fire with structural damage or where injury or death occurs; any partial or complete evacuation of the facility resulting from natural disaster; or any loss of utilities, such as electricity, natural gas, telephone, emergency generator, fire alarm, sprinklers, and other critical equipment necessary for the operation of the facility for more than 24 hours.

Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 44:70:01:07 requires each Assisted Living Center to submit to the Department of Health, the pertinent data necessary to comply with the requirements of South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) Chapter 34-12 and ARSD 44:70.

When a Specialist receives a report of missing person, serious injury, restraint, seclusion or death in an Assisted Living, the Specialist determines if the provider has reported the critical incident to the Department of Health. DHS is working with DOH to further improve and formalize the process for identifying trends and patterns of critical incidents to ensure the health and safety of consumers.

c. Participant Training and Education. Describe how training and/or information is provided to participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) concerning protections from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including how participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) can notify appropriate authorities or entities when the participant may have experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation.

During an initial home visit to develop the Care Plan, the Specialist provides the consumer and his/her authorized representative with a brochure titled, “Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation of Elders or Adults with Disabilities” on abuse, neglect, and exploitation and explains the information contained in the brochure. The brochure provides information about abuse, neglect and exploitation including information regarding South Dakota’s mandatory reporting law, recognizing signs of possible abuse, neglect or exploitation, and provides contact information regarding where to report abuse, neglect and exploitation. Thereafter at each Annual Review of the Care Plan, the Specialist discusses with the consumer and his/her authorized representative the signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation stressing that he/she has the right to be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation and offers the consumer additional copies of the brochure. The consumer and/or authorized representative acknowledges receipt of information on abuse, neglect, and exploitation through the following statement on the Care Plan, “I understand I have the right to be free from abuse and neglect. I have been provided with an informational brochure on abuse, neglect and exploitation.”

The Department of Human Services' website on Adult Protective Services is available for access by the general public and contains the following information on abuse, neglect and exploitation: definitions and indicators, mandatory reporting of abuse and neglect, presentations, a video and a printable copy of the brochure titled, “Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation of Elders or Adults with Disabilities”. A waiver consumer and his/her authorized representative can access information on abuse, neglect and exploitation from the website 24/7 and how to report including access to submit a report of abuse, neglect or exploitation via email to LTSS from the website.

d. Responsibility for Review of and Response to Critical Events or Incidents. Specify the entity (or entities) that receives reports of critical events or incidents specified in item G-1-a, the methods that are employed to evaluate such reports, and the processes and time-frames for responding to critical events or incidents, including conducting investigations.

Per SDCL 22-46-7, a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation may be made to the State's Attorney (SA), DHS, or Law Enforcement (LE). The SA or LE, shall immediately notify DHS. The entities work together to follow-up on reports.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at the Office of the Attorney General investigates and prosecutes acts of abuse, neglect or exploitation perpetrated upon any resident in a health care facility that receives federal funding.

For reports of life or health threatening conditions or criminal activity including reports of suspected death of an alleged victim due to suspected abuse or neglect; physical abuse (fractures, burns, other injuries); domestic abuse;
sexual abuse; an individual who is a danger to himself or others; threat of serious injury or death by a caretaker; threat of suicide; need for immediate medical attention to prevent irreversible physical damage (unconsciousness, acute pain, severe respiratory distress) immediate action and immediate notification to a LE is required. Collateral contacts and face to face contact with the individual are made within 24 hours unless LE assumes total responsibility for investigation.

A report in which a life or health threatening condition does not exist (medical non-compliance which does not include a life-threatening condition, inadequate attention to physical needs, intimidation by a caretaker, exploitation of resources, serious, but not life threatening self-neglect) requires collateral contacts within 72 hours and face to face contact with the alleged victim within 7 business days. If the result of collateral calls is a referral to LE, face to face visit is not necessary and a case will not be opened.

LTSS receives reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation perpetrated against adults with developmental disabilities. When an incident occurs while the alleged victim is receiving services from a Community Support Provider, a critical incident report is made to the DHS Division of Development Disabilities following the protocol outlined in number 1 and 2 above. Depending on the severity of the report, the Specialist may also direct the referring party to report the incident to LE and will also follow up with LE and DHS to ensure the report was received.

When LTSS receive reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or other critical incidents concerning individuals who reside in facilities licensed by the Department of Health (DOH), investigations are coordinated with DOH staff. A referral may also be made to other entities such as LE and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to ensure the health and safety of the resident.

Although reporting exploitation is not mandatory per SD law, when a Specialist receives a report, he/she follows up as appropriate. The case may be referred to the SA, LE, or AG’s Office of Consumer Protection. Reports of scams are forwarded to LE and the AG’s Office of Consumer Protection. Collateral contacts are made within 72 hours and face to face contact with the alleged victim is made within 7 business days.

A face to face visit with the adult must be completed if an APS case is opened. The Specialist may make collateral contacts to obtain further information regarding the alleged abuse. When the adult’s decision making is in question, the Specialist completes a Mini-Mental Status Exam.

With the consent of an adult who has the capacity to consent, or with the consent of the adult’s guardian, or in accordance with DHS policy, DHS may refer and purchase services of a nurse or physician for the purpose of medical examination, diagnosis, or treatment. This may include a nutritional assessment and/or medication review.

The perpetrator assessment must be completed during the intake if there is a perpetrator and if the information is known by the reporter. The Specialist will not contact the alleged perpetrator if the victim does not want contact to be initiated with the alleged perpetrator, or if contacting the alleged perpetrator places the individual in jeopardy. When an alleged victim cannot be located, the Specialist must leave two messages for the alleged victim/family to contact the Specialist; make at least 2 visits to the home until the Specialist has either interviewed and seen the alleged victim or until the Specialist has completed the following steps: 1) contacted LE to do a welfare check on the individual; 2) used all available information sources to find the alleged victim.

A LE agency must be notified if the Specialist believes that a criminal act has occurred. The Specialist may use LE investigative reports or a record of criminal conviction to substantiate the abuse, neglect or exploitation of an individual. The goal is to protect the individual from any further abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Specialists receive notification of critical incidents, including death, missing person, restraint, seclusion and serious injury from a variety of sources including providers, family members, consumers, obituaries, etc. When a Specialist receives these reports, the information must be documented in SAMS as a critical incident.

Assisted Living Centers (ALC) are required to report incidents of death, missing person serious injury, restraint and/or seclusion of waiver consumers to DOH. When a consumer chooses an ALC to receive services, a partnership between LTSS and the ALC is developed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individual. If a Specialist discovers a provider is not reporting incidents involving LTSS consumers as required, he/she informs the provider of their responsibility to report such incidents. In the event a report is not made to LTSS at the time of the critical incident, documentation and appropriate follow up is completed by the Specialist once the report is received.

When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/death resulting from natural causes that occurred in an ALC, the Specialist documents the death in SAMS. When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/death resulting
from other than natural causes that occurred in an ALC, the Specialist directs the provider to report the incident to DOH to ensure DOH is aware of the death and appropriate protocol was followed.

When a Specialist learns a consumer died in another setting, the Specialist must follow up and document the critical incident/death in SAMS based on the source of notification.

• Obituary: Specialist documents the critical incident in SAMS.
• Provider: Specialist documents the critical incident in SAMS, requests the critical incident report from the provider; documents the receipt of the critical incident report in SAMS; scans the critical incident report in FileDirector.
• Other: Specialist documents the critical incident in SAMS and locates the obituary within one week of the report to confirm the death and document confirmation. If the Specialist is unable to confirm the death, he/she reports the death to the county coroner or local law enforcement.

When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/missing person involving a consumer who lives in an ALC, the Specialist directs the provider to report the incident to DOH to ensure DOH is aware of incidents and appropriate protocols are being followed. Reports must be documented in SAMS and referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO).

The Specialist must follow up with LE regarding the status of the missing person within 48 hours and narrate a “critical incident/follow-up” in SAMS. If the individual is still missing after 48 hours, the Specialist follows up with LE within 1 week. If after 30 days, the Specialist has not received any additional information from LE and the whereabouts of the individual remain unknown, the Specialist documents this information in SAMS.

When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/serious injury (i.e. fractures, concussion, laceration requiring sutures, severe burn, dislocation of a major limb, internal injury) involving a consumer who lives in an ALC, the Specialist directs the provider to report the incident to DOH to ensure that DOH is aware of incidents and appropriate protocols are being followed. Reports must be documented in SAMS.

When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/serious injury involving a consumer who lives in a home/apartment or in a registered residential setting, the Specialist documents the critical incident/serious injury in SAMS and refers to the Assessment Policy to determine if additional services are needed.

When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/restraint involving an LTSS consumer, the Specialist must document the critical incident/restraint in the SAMS Journal and follow up with the consumer to obtain more information about the restraint being reported. If the consumer’s response gives the Specialist reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect, the Specialist must also enter a new call in SAMS and refer to the APS Policy for further guidance on follow up and documentation requirements. If the consumer’s response does not give the Specialist reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect, the Specialist may need to follow up with education about restraints to the provider.

If the consumer resides in an Assisted Living, the Specialist may need to make a referral to the LTCO Program. In the event a complaint related to the critical incident/restraint is also received (i.e. a family member called to file a complaint about the incident), a referral must be made to the LTCO Program.

When a Specialist receives a report of a critical incident/seclusion involving a LTSS consumer, the Specialist must document the critical incident/seclusion in the SAMS Journal and follow up with the consumer to obtain more information about the seclusion being reported. If the consumer’s response gives the Specialist reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect, the Specialist must also enter a new call in SAMS and refer to the APS Policy for further guidance on follow up and documentation requirements. If the consumer’s response does not give the Specialist reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect, the Specialist may need to follow up with education about seclusion to the provider.

If the consumer resides in an ALC, the Specialist may need to make a referral to the LTCO Program. In the event a complaint related to the critical incident/seclusion is also received (i.e. a family member called to file a complaint about the incident) a referral must be made to the LTCO Program.

When a Specialist receives a report of critical incident/missing person or serious injury and abuse and/or neglect is suspected, the Specialist must refer to APS Policy.

e. Responsibility for Oversight of Critical Incidents and Events. Identify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the reporting of and response to critical incidents or events that affect waiver participants, how this oversight is conducted, and how frequently.
The Department of Human Services' Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) is the operating agency of this waiver and is responsible for oversight of critical incidents and events that affect waiver consumers. Oversight is ongoing as reports of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation, and reports of other critical incidents and events are received in the regional offices or at the state level. Reports may be filed by phone, in written form, or through email. The process followed is the same regardless of how the report is received. The Home and Community-Based Services Program Manager and the Adult Protective Services Program Specialist provide support to LTSS Regional Offices as they conduct investigations and coordinate with law enforcement.

A Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) consisting of Division of Long Term Services and Supports State Office Program staff and led by the Home and Community-Based Services Program Manager, meet on a monthly basis to ensure that all instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation, death, missing person and serious injury that occurred the previous month were responded to according to Critical Incident Reporting and Adult Protective Services Policies. Reports created from SAMS and Ombudsmanger are utilized to obtain information regarding reports received and follow-up completed, including the timeframes in which follow up occurred. If the response to reports of Critical Incidents was not completed according to Critical Incident Reporting and Adult Protective Services Policies, the Specialist is immediately notified to ensure the consumer is safe and out of harms way and then to complete the required follow up and/or document the follow up that was completed. In addition to reviewing for appropriate response, the CIRT analyzes data to monitor trends and to develop strategies for reducing and preventing incidents.

Per the Supplemental Agreement, the provider must have a policy for Abuse and Neglect Reporting which conforms to the mandatory reporting laws and must provide training on mandatory reporting laws to provider staff on an annual basis. Provider compliance with this requirement is monitored on an annual basis during the onsite review.

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Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions
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a. **Use of Restraints.** *(Select one):* *(For waiver actions submitted before March 2014, responses in Appendix G-2-a will display information for both restraints and seclusion. For most waiver actions submitted after March 2014, responses regarding seclusion appear in Appendix G-2-c.)*

- **The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restraints**

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restraints and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

The South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification is responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions in Assisted Living Centers. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification receives information about the unauthorized use of restraints through complaints. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification conducts on-site reviews at Assisted Living Centers and through these unannounced surveys and on-site record reviews identify incidents of unauthorized use of restraints. Surveyors may make unannounced visits and on-site record reviews in follow up to complaints received. Also, when reports are received by the State or Local Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, the Ombudsman documents the report in the Ombudsmanger database and makes a referral to the Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification. The Ombudsman and the Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification staff collaborate to follow-up on unauthorized use of restraints to ensure residents’ rights are being protected. The State and Local Long-Term Care Ombudsmen regularly visit Assisted Living Centers, providing training on resident rights to residents and Assisted Living Center staff. The South Dakota Long Term Care Ombudsman Policy specifies that Assisted Living Centers will be visited at a minimum on a quarterly basis.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports is responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restraints in a consumer’s home. The use of restraints in the home setting is uncommon, however the Specialist by direct contact with the consumer during home visits (initial, six months, and annual) and through quarterly telephone calls may detect the unauthorized use of restraints occurring in the consumer’s home. At the six month review the Specialist directly asks the consumer as part of the Quality of Life Survey if he/she is being restrained (e.g., holds, drugs used as restraints, mechanical restraints). Also during the initial home visit and at least annually thereafter Specialists complete the Community Health Assessment (CHA) for each consumer. The CHA contains the following question: “Indicate whether the person was physically restrained in the last 3 days,
regardless of stated intent of restraint.” Instructions to code a response of “No” or “Yes” to this item include: For example, the person’s limbs were restrained, the person used bed rails; or the person was restrained to the chair when sitting.” Clinical Assessment Protocols triggers link the information gathered in the CHA to the basic need(s) referenced by a CAP. The CAPs focus on a person’s function and quality of life, including the person’s needs, strengths, and preferences in the following four broad areas: 1) Functional Performance; 2) Cognition and Mental Health; 3) Social Life; and 4) Clinical Issues. Within these areas several CAPs may be triggered and one of those CAPs is Physical Restraints. The CAPs triggered assist to identify needs to include in the development of the Care Plan. As needs are identified, the consumer and/or a representative of the consumer, can indicate if and how each need can be addressed or not addressed through paid services and unpaid services, i.e., natural supports or other services available in the community. As part of this process, if the Physical Restraint CAP is triggered, the Specialist will work with the consumer and/or authorized representative and family members to remove the physical restraint and address the reason for the restraint by meeting the consumer’s needs with paid and unpaid services and supports.

During the initial training on how to complete the CHA Assessment, Specialists are trained to make observations and question whether the person has freedom of movement. Observations made of the consumer and the home setting include but is not limited to the following: use of gait belts, being belted or tied to a bed or chair, held in a chair by a non-removable tray or by keeping the foot rest up preventing the consumer from moving out of the chair. Training includes discussion that a restraint is also removing the battery from an electric wheelchair, locking the breaks on the wheelchair, putting chairs around a bed and use of bed rails, which prevent the consumer from freedom of movement.

The Specialist will, upon detecting the unauthorized use of restraints in the home setting, gather additional information to determine if an APS case needs to be opened to address the unauthorized use of restraints in the home setting. When an APS case is opened the Specialist will follow the Adult Protective Services Policy. Additionally the Specialist will work with the consumer and/or authorized representative and family members to discontinue the use of the restraint and address the reason for the restraint by meeting the consumer’s needs with paid and unpaid services and supports.

- The use of restraints is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services. Complete Items G-2-a-i and G-2-a-ii.

  i. Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restraints. Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of restraint (i.e., personal restraints, drugs used as restraints, mechanical restraints). State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

  ii. State Oversight Responsibility. Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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b. Use of Restrictive Interventions. (Select one):

  - The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restrictive interventions

   Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:
The South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification is responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions in Assisted Living Centers. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification receives information about the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions through complaints. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification conducts on-site reviews at Assisted Living Centers and through these unannounced surveys and on-site record reviews identify incidents of unauthorized use of restrictive interventions. Surveyors may make unannounced visits and on-site record reviews in follow up to complaints received. Also, when reports are received by the State or Local Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, the Ombudsman documents the report in the Ombudsmanager database and makes a referral to the Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification. The Ombudsman and the Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification staff collaborate to follow-up on unauthorized use of restrictive interventions to ensure residents’ rights are being protected. The State and Local Long-Term Care Ombudsmen regularly visit Assisted Living Centers, providing training on resident rights to residents and Assisted Living Center staff. The South Dakota Long Term Care Ombudsman Policy specifies that Assisted Living Centers will be visited at a minimum on a quarterly basis.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports is responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions including, but not limited to restricting a consumer’s rights, access to others or activities, restraints, restriction of movement, seclusion, in a consumer’s home. The use of restrictive interventions in the home setting is uncommon, however the Specialist by direct contact with the consumer during home visits (initial, six months, and annual) and through quarterly telephone calls may detect the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions occurring in the consumer’s home. At the six month review the Specialist will directly ask the consumer as part of the Quality of Life Survey if he/she is being restrained or secluded (e.g., holds, drugs used as restraints, mechanical restraints, locked in a room, told to remain in). During the initial home visit and at least annually thereafter the Community Health Assessment (CHA) is completed for each consumer.

The Specialist will upon detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions in the home setting gather additional information to determine if an APS case needs to be opened to address the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions in the home setting. When an APS case is opened the Specialist will follow the Adult Protective Services Policy. Additionally the Specialist will work with the consumer and/or authorized representative and family members to discontinue the use of restrictive interventions and address the reason for the restrictive intervention by meeting the consumer’s needs with paid and unpaid services and supports.

The use of restrictive interventions is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services Complete Items G-2-b-i and G-2-b-ii.

i. Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restrictive Interventions. Specify the safeguards that the State has in effect concerning the use of interventions that restrict participant movement, participant access to other individuals, locations or activities, restrict participant rights or employ aversive methods (not including restraints or seclusion) to modify behavior. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the specification are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency.

ii. State Oversight Responsibility. Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring and overseeing the use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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c. Use of Seclusion. (Select one) (This section will be blank for waivers submitted before Appendix G-2-c was added to WMS in March 2014, and responses for seclusion will display in Appendix G-2-a combined with information on restraints.)
The State does not permit or prohibits the use of seclusion

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

The South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification is responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion in Assisted Living Centers. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification receives information about the unauthorized use of seclusion through complaints. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification conducts on-site reviews at Assisted Living Centers and through these unannounced surveys and on-site record reviews will identify incidents of unauthorized use of seclusion. Surveyors may make unannounced on-site visits and record reviews in follow up to complaints received. Also, when reports are received by the State or Local Long-Term Care Ombudsman, the Ombudsman documents the report in the Ombudsman database and makes a referral to the Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification. The Ombudsman and the Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification staff collaborate to follow-up on unauthorized use of seclusion to ensure residents’ rights are being protected. The State and Local Long-Term Care Ombudsmen regularly visit Assisted Living Centers, providing training on resident rights to residents and Assisted Living Center staff. The South Dakota Long Term Care Ombudsman Policy specifies that Assisted Living Centers will be visited at a minimum on a quarterly basis.

The Division of Long Term Services and Supports is responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion in a consumer’s home. The use of seclusion in the home setting is uncommon, however the Specialist by direct contact with the consumer during home visits (initial, six months, and annual) and through quarterly telephone calls may detect the unauthorized use of seclusion occurring in the consumer’s home. The Specialist will upon detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion in the home setting gather additional information to determine if an APS case needs to be opened to address the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions in the home setting. When an APS case is opened the Specialist will follow the Adult Protective Services Policy. Additionally the Specialist will work with the consumer and/or authorized representative and family members to discontinue the use of seclusion and address the reason for the seclusion by meeting the consumer’s needs with paid and unpaid services and supports.

The use of seclusion is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services. Complete Items G-2-c-i and G-2-c-ii.

i. Safeguards Concerning the Use of Seclusion. Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of seclusion. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

ii. State Oversight Responsibility. Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of seclusion and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (1 of 2)

This Appendix must be completed when waiver services are furnished to participants who are served in licensed or unlicensed living arrangements where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the health and welfare of residents. The Appendix does not need to be completed when waiver participants are served exclusively in their own personal residences or in the home of a family member.

a. Applicability. Select one:

○ No. This Appendix is not applicable (do not complete the remaining items)
b. Medication Management and Follow-Up

i. Responsibility. Specify the entity (or entities) that have ongoing responsibility for monitoring participant medication regimens, the methods for conducting monitoring, and the frequency of monitoring.

The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) is responsible for licensure of all Assisted Living Centers where consumers served under the waiver may reside. DOH follows a number of Administrative Rules to guide the ongoing monitoring of consumer medication regimens. Monitoring is conducted by on-site reviews, as well as responding to complaints and critical incidents. The Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) regarding Assisted Living Centers can be found in ARSD 44:70; ARSD 20:48:04:01; South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 36-9-4

Assisted Living Centers must meet several requirements, one of which specifies the Assisted Living Center be approved for medication administration by the Department of Health (DOH). If an Assisted Living Center does not have a licensed nurse to administer medications, to supervise resident care at all times, and to admit or retain residents who require administration of medications, the Assisted Living must employ or contract with a licensed nurse who reviews and documents resident care and condition at least weekly. An Assisted Living that employs a licensed nurse who is on the premises at least 40 hours per week is not required to review and document resident care and condition weekly, but must document resident's identified needs. A registered nurse or registered pharmacist must provide medication administration training to unlicensed staff who will be administering medications. Each licensed practical nurse who reviews resident care and condition must be in compliance with requirements for supervision. Each Assisted Living Center staff is required to attend specific in-service training within one month after employment. Unlicensed staff must receive ongoing resident specific training for medication administration and annual training in all aspects of medication administration occurring at the Assisted Living Center.

Assisted Living Centers must have policies and procedures in place outlining care provided to residents including policies on diagnostic and therapeutic orders; administration and control of medications; nursing care; infection control; and resident safety.

Assisted Living Centers must establish and practice methods and procedures for medication control that include the following requirements: 1) Ensure the resident’s physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner provide electronic or written orders for medications taken by the resident; 2) Have proper storage of medications including separate storage of poisons, topical medications, and oral medications. Each resident’s medication must be stored in the container in which it was originally received and not transferred to another container. A medication prescribed for one resident is not to be administered to any other resident. 3) Have procedures in place to ensure self-administration of medications is supervised. When a resident self-administers a medication, a description of the responsibilities of the resident, the resident’s family members, and the Assisted Living Center’s staff is provided to the resident along with the rights and responsibilities associated with medication self-administration. 4) Have procedures for disposal of medications that are discontinued or outdated.

In an Assisted Living Center with approval for medication administration, the pharmacist completes a monthly review of each resident’s medications (residents who need medications administered to them). The pharmacist completes a review of the resident’s diagnosis, drug regimen, laboratory findings and dietary considerations. The pharmacist reports potential drug therapy irregularities and makes recommendations to the resident’s physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and the administrator in a monthly report which is retained by the administrator of the Assisted Living Center.

In an Assisted Living, medications brought from home may be used when the medication is ordered by the resident’s physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. Medications prescribed for one resident may not be administered to another resident. Residents can keep medications with them or in their room with a physician’s order for medication self-administration.

If a resident of the Assisted Living Center cannot assume responsibility for medication self-administration or self-directed assistance with medication administration or if the Assisted Living Center is approved to provide services to cognitively impaired residents, the Assisted Living Center shall also be approved by the
DOH to provide medication administration. When medication administration is provided, there are various ARSD rules that must be complied with as well as requirements for training and supervision. The supervising nurse is responsible to provide an orientation to the unlicensed staff who will administer medications. The orientation must be specific to the Assisted Living Center and relevant to the residents receiving the medication. If a resident self-administers medications, the Assisted Living Center’s policies and procedures related to self-administered medications includes a description of the responsibilities of the resident, the resident’s family members, and the Assisted Living Center’s staff. The Assisted Living Center provides written educational materials to the resident and the resident’s family explaining the resident’s rights and responsibilities for self-administration. Additionally, in an Assisted Living Center approved for medication administration, a resident with the cognitive ability to understand may self-administer medications. At least every three months, the supervising nurse or the physician shall evaluate and record the continued appropriateness of the resident’s ability to self-administer medications.

ii. Methods of State Oversight and Follow-Up. Describe: (a) the method(s) that the State uses to ensure that participant medications are managed appropriately, including: (a) the identification of potentially harmful practices (e.g., the concurrent use of contraindicated medications); (b) the method(s) for following up on potentially harmful practices; and, (c) the State agency (or agencies) that is responsible for follow-up and oversight.

Surveys of Assisted Living Centers, licensed facilities, are completed by the Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification. Surveys are conducted for state licensure per South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 34-12-13 and Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 44:04.

According to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 44:70:04:15, each Assisted Living Center provides for on-going evaluation of the quality of services provided to residents. Components of the quality assessment evaluation include establishment of Assisted Living Center standards; review of resident services to identify deviations from the standards and actions taken to correct deviations; resident satisfaction surveys; utilization of services provided; and documentation of the evaluation and report to the governing body that is legally responsible for the overall conduct of the Assisted Living Center. Additionally, unannounced surveys are conducted by the Department of Health consisting of a team of one to three surveyors, dependent on the Assisted Living Center’s history and size. The survey team includes one registered nurse to identify potential residents over level of care. Other team members include a generalist, a sanitarian, and/or an engineer.

PRE-SURVEY PREPARATION
The survey team leader reviews documentation including a copy of deficiencies and plan of correction from the prior survey; copy of any complaint surveys since the last survey; copy of the provider’s current license; information about relevant operational changes (i.e. changes in administrator, manager, or ownership); and floor plans. The life safety code surveyor reviews documentation including the Life Safety Code form appropriate for the size of Assisted Living Center (small<16 beds; large>16 beds); the Exit Interview form; copy of deficiencies and Life Safety Code form from the prior survey; and floor plans. The team leader completes pre-survey tasks including contacting the complaint coordinator and the local long term care ombudsman to inquire if there are identified concerns at the Assisted Living Center prior to entering.

SURVEY PROCEDURES
An Entrance Conference is held by the DOH survey team with the Assisted Living Center(s) to explain the reason they have entered the premises and the survey process required to determine compliance with applicable regulations. The survey team tours the Assisted Living Center to meet the residents, obtain an overall picture of the environment, and identify focus areas. A comparison is conducted of the optional services approved on the provider’s license to the actual needs of the residents.

A random sample of residents is selected to target potential concerns based on offsite preparation and tour observations. Residents who may be over Level of Care for the Assisted Living Center are included as are residents who have been admitted since the prior survey. For providers with over 35 beds a 10% of the current resident census is reviewed. Additionally for all Assisted Living Center surveys, at least one closed record is reviewed. A minimum of three residents (up to 5% of the provider’s current census) are interviewed.

The survey team conducts information gathering including: 1)Observations, interviews, and review of the sampled residents’ care records determine compliance with sufficient personal care services and staffing,
activities program, privacy and confidentiality, and quality of life; 2)a closed resident care record is reviewed, specifically documentation on the care records notes or progress reports for a month or two prior to discharge to identify any potential quality of care or quality of life concerns; and 3)Residents are observed evacuating during the fire drill to determine compliance with physical impairment or self-preservation requirements.

During the onsite survey medication administration and storage is observed to ensure compliance with specific medication control regulations. For providers approved for medication administration, compliance with the following is determined: 1) the credentials and South Dakota Board of Nursing approval for the nurse/pharmacist conducting the medication training; 2) medication control and disposal procedures; 3) the staff schedule to ensure there are qualified unlicensed staff available 24/7; 4) the personnel files of the unlicensed staff administering medications.

The Department of Health holds an Exit Conference with the Assisted Living Center describing how the requirements and findings are not in compliance and technical assistance is provided to the Assisted Living as needed.

Assisted Living Centers are surveyed more than once each year if warranted by the identification of potentially harmful medication administration practices through reports or if there is an ongoing investigation. The Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification also requests Assisted Living Centers provide documentation as needed.

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**c. Medication Administration by Waiver Providers**

**i. Provider Administration of Medications. Select one:**

- Not applicable. *(do not complete the remaining items)*
- Waiver providers are responsible for the administration of medications to waiver participants who cannot self-administer and/or have responsibility to oversee participant self-administration of medications. *(complete the remaining items)*

**ii. State Policy.** Summarize the State policies that apply to the administration of medications by waiver providers or waiver provider responsibilities when participants self-administer medications, including (if applicable) policies concerning medication administration by non-medical waiver provider personnel. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the specification are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

The SD Department of Health (DOH) Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification oversees all medication administration activities, including self-administration activities, in health care facilities (assisted living centers). As noted in the Medication Management and Follow-Up section of Appendix G-3 the following Department of Health Administrative Rules apply to Assisted Living Centers for monitoring self-administration of medication and medication administration by non-medical providers.

Per Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 44:70:07:07, if any resident of the Assisted Living Center cannot assume responsibility for medication self-administration or self-directed assistance with medication administration or if the Assisted Living Center is approved to provide services to cognitively impaired residents per ARSD 44:70:04:14(3), the Assisted Living Center must also be approved by the DOH to provide medication administration. If medication administration is provided, there are rules that must be complied with as well as requirements for training and supervision. The supervising nurse is responsible to provide an orientation to the unlicensed staff who will administer medications. The orientation must be specific to the Assisted Living Center and relevant to the residents receiving the medication. If any resident is permitted to self-administer medications, the Assisted Living Center’s policies and procedures related to self-administered drugs must include a description of the responsibilities of the resident, the resident’s family members, and the Assisted Living Center’s staff. The Assisted Living Center must also follow procedures to provide written educational materials to the resident and the resident’s family explaining the resident’s rights...
and responsibilities associated with medication self-administration.

In an Assisted Living Center approved for medication administration, a resident may self-administer drugs if the registered nurse (if applicable) and physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner has determined the practice to be safe and at least every three months, the supervising nurse or the physician shall evaluate and record the continued appropriateness of the resident’s ability to self-administer medications. Additionally, in an Assisted Living Center approved for medication administration, a resident with the cognitive ability to understand may self-administer medications and according to ARSD 44:70:09:13, the determination shall state whether the resident or the nursing staff is responsible for storage of the drug and documentation of its administration in accordance with the provisions of ARSD 44:70:07.

Per ARSD 44:70:07:01, it is the responsibility of each Assisted Living Center to establish and practice methods and procedures for medication control that include the following: 1) A requirement of the Assisted Living Center to ensure that each resident’s prescribing physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner provide to the center electronic or written signed orders for any medications taken by the resident; authorization for medications or drugs kept on the person or in the room of the resident; and release of medications. 2) The Assisted Living Center is also required to have provisions for proper storage of prescribed medications so that the medications are inaccessible to residents or visitors including requirements for separate storage of poisons, topical medications, and oral medications. Each resident’s medication must be stored in the container in which it was originally received and not transferred to another container. A medication prescribed for one resident is not to be administered to any other resident. 3) Each Assisted Living Center must have procedures in place to ensure that self-administration of a medication is accomplished with the supervision of a designated employee of the center. When a resident self-administers a medication, a description of the responsibilities of the resident, the resident’s family members, and the Assisted Living Center’s staff is provided to the resident along with the resident’s rights and responsibilities associated with the self-administration. 4) The Assisted Living Center must also have procedures in place to ensure the proper disposition of medicines that are discontinued because of the discharge or death of the resident, because the drug is outdated, or because the prescription is no longer appropriate to the care of the resident.

In-home nursing services must be performed by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse according to the Supplemental Provider Agreement signed by in-home providers of nursing services. The in-home nursing services are monitored by the in-home provider who hires licensed nurses to provide nursing services. Nursing services are provided to consumers who live at home and need assistance to manage and/or administer medication. Through provision of nursing services, licensed nurses administer medication by giving injections when the consumer is unable to inject him/herself and set up medications and monitor self-administration of medication, when the consumer is unable to self-administer medications him/herself. In addition, licensed nurses provide supervision of all nursing tasks delegated to unlicensed in-home waiver provider staff per ARSD 20:48:04.01:01 and ARSD 20:48:04.01:02. Per the South Dakota Board of Nursing Declaratory Ruling 92-1, homemakers employed by in-home providers may provide assistance with the self-administration of medications to consumers who are mentally capable of self-directing their care and who reside in their own home, provided they are under the supervision of a licensed professional nurse. Assistance with medication administration by a homemaker is limited to reminding the consumer to take a medication at a prescribed time, opening and closing a medication container, and returning a medication container to the proper storage area.

According to ARSD 20:48:04.01:01, the Registered Nurse is responsible for the nature and quality of nursing care that a resident of an Assisted Living Center and a consumer living at home receives under the nurse's direction. To achieve full utilization of the services of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, the licensed nurse may delegate selected nursing tasks to unlicensed staff. Unlicensed staff may complement the licensed nurse in the performance of nursing functions but may not substitute for the licensed nurse. Unlicensed staff may not re-delegate a delegated act. A licensed nurse is accountable to practice in accordance with the scope of practice as defined in South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 36-9. The delegating nurse is accountable for assessing a situation and making the final decision to delegate. The delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed staff must comply with the following criteria: 1) The nursing task is one that a reasonable and prudent licensed nurse would find within the scope of sound nursing judgment to delegate; 2) The nursing task is one that, in the opinion of the delegating licensed nurse, can be properly and safely performed by unlicensed staff without jeopardizing the client's welfare; 3) The nursing task does not require unlicensed staff to exercise nursing judgment; 4) The licensed nurse evaluates the resident's nursing care
needs before delegating the nursing task; 5) The licensed nurse verifies that the unlicensed person is competent to perform the nursing task; and 6) The licensed nurse supervises the performance of the delegated nursing task in accordance with the requirements of ARSD 20:48:04.01:02.

Per ARSD 20:48:04.01:02, the licensed nurse provides supervision of all nursing tasks delegated to unlicensed staff in accordance with the following conditions: 1) The licensed nurse determines the degree of supervision required after considering the stability of the resident's condition, the competency of the unlicensed person to whom the nursing task is delegated, the nature of the nursing task being delegated, and the proximity and availability of the licensed nurse to the unlicensed person when the nursing task will be performed. 2) The delegating licensed nurse or another licensed nurse is readily available either in person or by telecommunication; and 3) If the unlicensed person is providing care in the home, the time interval between supervisory visits and whether the visit is conducted in person or via telecommunication is determined by the licensed nurse in accordance with ARSD 20:48:04.01:01. The visit shall occur no less than once every 60 days to assure client safety.

ARSD 20:48:04.01:11, provides for medication administration tasks that may not be routinely delegated and require written protocol. Medication administration tasks that may be delegated to unlicensed staff only in accordance with ARSD 20:48:04.01:01 include the following: 1) Administration of the initial dose of a medication that has not been previously administered to the resident; 2) Administration of medications on an as-needed basis, including schedule II controlled substances listed in SDCL 34-20B-16 and 34-20B-17 as provided in ARSD 20:48:04.01:10(3); and 3) Administration of insulin by the subcutaneous route in accordance with ARSD 20:48:04.01:16 and ARSD 20:48:04.01:17. A registered nurse is responsible for developing written protocol for the instruction and training of unlicensed staff and maintaining the protocol on file.

In accordance with ARSD 20:48:04.01:12, the licensed nurse may not delegate the following tasks of medication administration: 1) Administration of schedule II controlled substances listed in SDCL 34-20B-16 and 34-20B-17 from a locked stock supply; 2) Administration of medications by subcutaneous, intramuscular, intradermal, or intravenous route except as authorized in ARSD 20:48:04.01:11; 3) Administration of medications by way of a tube inserted in a cavity of the body; 4) Administration of medications via inhalation route in a complex nursing situation as defined in ARSD 20:48:01:01; and 5) Calculation of any medication dose.

### iii. Medication Error Reporting

Select one of the following:

- Providers that are responsible for medication administration are required to both record and report medication errors to a State agency (or agencies).
  Complete the following three items:
  (a) Specify State agency (or agencies) to which errors are reported:

  ![Select State agencies](https://wms-mmdl.cdsydc.com/WMS/faces/protected/35/print/PrintSelector.jsp)

  (b) Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:

  ![Select medication errors to record](https://wms-mmdl.cdsydc.com/WMS/faces/protected/35/print/PrintSelector.jsp)

  (c) Specify the types of medication errors that providers must report to the State:

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- Providers responsible for medication administration are required to record medication errors but make information about medication errors available only when requested by the State.

Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:
In Assisted Living Centers when a medication administration error is the result of suspected abuse or neglect, the error must be reported to the Department of Health. Other medication errors are not required to be reported, but must be recorded and available upon request by the South Dakota Department of Health Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification. In Assisted Living Centers medication administration records and medication administration observations are reviewed during unannounced Department of Health surveys and should reflect all records of medication administration including medication errors.

In Assisted Living Centers pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 44:70:07:08, medication administration records are used and regularly checked against the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner's orders. Each medication administered is recorded in the resident's medical record and signed by the individual responsible. Medication errors and drug reactions are reported to the resident's physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and an entry is made in the resident's medical record. Orders involving abbreviations and chemical symbols may be carried out only if the Assisted Living Center has a standard list of abbreviations and symbols and the list is available to the nursing staff. A person may not administer medications that have been prepared by another person.

In-home providers are required to have a policy in place regarding medication administration, which includes recording and tracking of medication errors. During annual on-site reviews of the in-home providers, Division of Long Term Services and Supports staff reviewers will assure the in-home providers are in compliance with the provider’s policy on medication administration. This includes reviewing the recorded medication errors and ensuring appropriate physician notification and follow up was conducted.

iv. State Oversight Responsibility. Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring the performance of waiver providers in the administration of medications to waiver participants and how monitoring is performed and its frequency.

The Department of Human Services, Division of Long Term Services and Supports conducts an on-site review for each in-home provider prior to initial enrollment and annually thereafter. On-site reviews are performed by LTSS Regional Supervisors and Regional Managers, or the HCBS Program Manager and follow a standard on-site review protocol. The on-site review includes review of consumer records and visit documentation, personnel records, policies and procedures to include medication administration policies and procedures. The reviewer ensures all required components are in place and completes a Provider Review Report, a copy of which is given to the provider who has 60 days to respond to the determination of the initial findings of the annual on-site review. If components are not in place the provider must respond with a plan to address how to meet required components.

The Department of Health Office of Health Care Facilities Licensure & Certification (OLC) has oversight responsibility for monitoring the performance of waiver providers in the administration of medications to waiver consumers residing in Assisted Living Centers. Monitoring is conducted through on-site, unscheduled surveys. Additionally, the OLC will perform additional surveys or investigations if they receive complaints or allegations of abuse and neglect.

The Department of Health will investigate if there is a pattern of medication errors or other medication administration errors with a specific individual residing in an Assisted Living Center.

**Appendix G: Participant Safeguards**

**Quality Improvement: Health and Welfare**

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.


   The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for assuring waiver participant health and welfare. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read “The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses, and seeks to prevent the occurrence of abuse, neglect and exploitation.”)

   i. Sub-Assurances:

   ...
a. **Sub-assurance:** The state demonstrates on an ongoing basis that it identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation and unexplained death. (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix G performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

**Performance Measures**

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For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of waiver consumers who receive educational information regarding abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Numerator = Number of consumers who received information. Denominator = Number of consumers reviewed.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of abuse, neglect and exploitation investigations initiated within specified timeframes. Numerator = Number of investigations initiated within specified timeframes. Denominator = Total number of investigations.

Data Source (Select one):
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Journal entries in SAMS and provider incident reports in File Director

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Performance Measure:
Number of percent of waiver consumers who have Care Plans which address back up plans and emergency preparedness as appropriate. Numerator = Number of consumers with Care Plans that address back up plans and emergency preparedness as appropriate. Denominator = Number of consumers reviewed.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation that were reported appropriately. Numerator = incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation that were reported appropriately. Denominator = number of incidents documented in records sampled.

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### b. Sub-assurance: The state demonstrates that an incident management system is in place that effectively resolves those incidents and prevents further similar incidents to the extent possible.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of complaints regarding providers that were addressed within required timeframes. Numerator = Number of complaints addressed within required timeframes. Denominator = All complaints regarding providers.

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Number and percent of critical incidents where appropriate follow-up occurred.

\[ \text{Numerator} = \text{Number of critical incidents where appropriate follow-up occurred.} \]

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of waiver consumers who reported they were not restrained or secluded while receiving waiver services. Numerator = Number of respondents who reported they were not restrained or secluded while receiving waiver services. Denominator = Number of total respondents.

Data Source (Select one):
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**Performance Measures**

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

Health and welfare assurances that are contained in the Care Plan are reviewed on a quarterly basis and are reviewed by LTSS Regional Supervisors during quarterly Care Plan reviews using the same random sample utilized for the Care Plan assurances. At the end of the quarter, each Regional Supervisor receives a list of waiver consumers for whom Care Plans must be reviewed. Review assignments are made by the Home and
Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager. Care Plans are stored electronically in FileDirector, a digital document reviewing program, which allows Regional Supervisors to review consumer Care Plans remotely.

Abuse, neglect and exploitation reports made to LTSS on behalf of elders and adults with disabilities are assigned to a Specialist. The Specialist follows the policies and procedures for investigating reports and documenting all pertinent information in the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) consumer database and in Ombudsmanager for Assisted Living Centers. The Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) reviews Adult Protective Services (APS) cases involving consumers monthly to ensure cases were initiated according to timeframes specified in policy. Data for APS cases involving consumers is collected from a report generated from SAMS.

The data reviewed to ensure waiver consumers receive educational information regarding abuse, neglect and exploitation is contained in the Care Plans. This performance measure is reviewed quarterly by the Regional Supervisors as part of Care Plan Reviews utilizing the Care Plan assurances random sample.

Data to ensure waiver consumers have back up plans and emergency preparedness as appropriate is contained in the Care Plans. This performance measure is reviewed by the Regional Supervisors quarterly as part of Care Plan Reviews utilizing the Care Plan assurances random sample.

During the quarterly review of Care Plans, Regional Supervisors review the same random sample of consumers and their records to identify signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation that occurred during the review period. If there were signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation, consumer records are further reviewed to ensure incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation were followed up according to the Adult Protective Services (APS) Policy.

The data to ensure complaints regarding waiver providers are addressed within required timeframes is collected from reports generated in Ombudsmanager and SAMS. The reports, and relevant documentation, are reviewed by the CIRT monthly to ensure each complaint was addressed within timeframes required by policy. The HCBS Program Manager tracks the complaints, noting the total number of complaints per month that were addressed in the required timeframes.

The data for critical incidents regarding consumers is collected from a SAMS generated report. The report, and relevant documentation in SAMS, is reviewed by the CIRT each month to ensure appropriate follow up of each critical incident occurred. The HCBS Program Manager tracks the critical incidents, noting the total number of incidents per month that were not appropriately followed-up and the total number of incidents reported.

Restrictive interventions including restraints and seclusion are prohibited in this waiver. Data on restraints and seclusion is collected from responses provided by consumers on the Quality of Life Survey. Additionally, restraints and seclusion are recorded and followed up on as critical incidents. Responses to the survey and critical incidents involving restrain or seclusion are reviewed monthly by the CIRT and reports of restraint and seclusion become an APS case opened for investigation. Responses and data are collected, compiled, and analyzed for trends.

Data to ensure consumers receive educational information regarding preventative health care is contained in the Care Plans. This performance measure is reviewed by Regional Supervisors during quarterly Care Plan reviews using the same random sample utilized for Care Plan assurances.

To determine if consumers received appropriate preventative health care, Regional Supervisors utilize the same random sample to complete Care Plan reviews. Specifically, the Community Health Assessment, which has questions involving appropriate preventative health care the consumer received, is reviewed. Regional Supervisors review the answers to these questions to determine if age appropriate preventative health care has been received by the consumer.

For performance measures reviewed along with the Care Plan on a quarterly basis, the HCBS Program Manager provides an Excel Spreadsheet to Regional Supervisors to identify which consumers to review. Regional Supervisors record the results of each performance measure on the spreadsheet and forwards it to the HCBS Program Manager once the reviews are complete. This process notates which Performance
Measures were met for each consumer reviewed and which Performance Measures require remediation. The data is aggregated and analyzed by the HCBS Program Manager and Program Specialists.

For the performance measures reviewed by the CIRT, reports are pulled and reviewed monthly and results are recorded on Excel Spreadsheets. This process notates which Performance Measures were met for each occurrence of abuse, neglect, exploitation, complaint restraint and seclusion and critical incident and which require remediation. Those requiring remediation are forwarded to the Regional Supervisors to work with the Specialists to remediate and ensure the health and welfare of consumers.

Trends are identified by looking at completed statewide reviews over a series of quarters. Data analysis and trends are presented to the Waiver Review Committee quarterly. The Waiver Review Committee determines how statewide trends can be remediated and how additional staff training or changes to the waiver design could result in quality improvements.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems
   i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.
   When it is determined that investigations of abuse, neglect and exploitation are not initiated within specified time frames, it is first determined why the investigation was not initiated within the specified timeframes. If the investigation has still not been initiated at the time of review, the investigation begins immediately, following proper protocol and timeframes from that point forward. Immediate action is taken to protect the health and welfare of the consumer.

   When identified that a consumer has not received educational information regarding abuse, neglect and exploitation, the Specialist remediates the problem by providing the educational materials to the consumer immediately.

   When it is identified that a consumer does not have a back-up plan and/or emergency preparedness plan as required by policy or the plan is not appropriate, remediation consists of contacting the consumer, and revising the Care Plan to include an appropriate back-up and emergency preparedness plan. The Care Plan will be revised within 30 days.

   When individual problems are identified with Specialists not conducting follow up when signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation are identified, the Specialist will immediately follow up with the consumer as required per the Adult Protective Services Policy. Immediate action is taken to protect the health and welfare of the consumer. If it is determined a provider or Specialist was aware of an incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation but did not appropriately report the incident, corrective action will be taken. This may include training, probation, or termination depending on the severity of the situation.

   When it is identified that a complaint regarding a provider was not addressed within required timeframes, it is remediated by addressing the complaint about the provider immediately. If the complaint has already been partially addressed, but not resolved, the Specialist will contact the consumer to follow-up on their needs and determine if additional action is warranted. If the complaint has been resolved, but was not addressed per timeframes in policy, the Specialist will be retrained on the importance of follow up on complaints according to timeframes in policy.

   When it is identified that there was a critical incident and appropriate follow up was not completed as per policy, the remediation is accomplished by first addressing the critical incident immediately using the appropriate follow-up procedure. If the critical incident has been addressed, but was not addressed using appropriate follow-up, the Specialist and the LTSS Regional Supervisor review the process and determine what prevented the incident from being addressed appropriately. If additional follow-up is needed, it is conducted.

   Individual problems identified in which consumers are being restrained or secluded while receiving waiver services will be addressed through provider education and/or by opening an Adult Protective Service (APS) case to investigate as appropriate. In addition, consideration to terminate a waiver provider will be pursued if warranted. Overall trends identified through responses from the Quality of Life Survey, and critical incident reports regarding restraints and seclusion will be targeted for improvement in the continuous quality
improvement process.

When a quarterly Care Plan Review identifies that a consumer has not received information regarding preventative health care, the Specialist remediates the problem by immediately providing the educational materials on preventative health care to the consumer.

When it is determined that a consumer is not receiving preventative health care, the Specialist will discuss with the consumer, the importance of preventative health care, the preventative health care that is available and if he/she chooses, include a preventative health care goal on the consumer’s Care Plan. If trends are identified that consumers not receiving appropriate preventative health care, options to increase the performance of this measure may include: educational activities, hosting preventative health care events and enlisting assistance from providers to offer information and education on preventative health care.

When individual problems are identified through the Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) process, the identified issues are forwarded to LTSS Regional Supervisors who then work with Specialists to assure resolution of the identified issues. When trends are identified recommendations for improvements are made by the Critical Incident Review Team and/or the Waiver Review Committee.

If, over time, a trend is identified that an individual Specialist is not following procedures, the LTSS Regional Supervisor will determine the appropriate corrective action that may be required including training, probation, or termination depending on the severity of the situation.

Data aggregation and analysis for the Health and Welfare assurances will be conducted quarterly by the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager. Trends are identified by looking at completed statewide reviews over a series of review periods. Data analysis and trends are presented to the Waiver Review Committee on a quarterly basis. The Waiver Review Committee will determine how statewide trends can be remediated and how additional staff training or changes to the waiver design could result in quality improvements.

Guidance and training is developed and implemented as necessary through revisions to policy and procedure and communicated in person, through online webinars or in email correspondence to LTSS staff.

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c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Health and Welfare that are currently non-operational.
Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (1 of 2)

Under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §441.302, the approval of an HCBS waiver requires that CMS determine that the State has made satisfactory assurances concerning the protection of participant health and welfare, financial accountability and other elements of waiver operations. Renewal of an existing waiver is contingent upon review by CMS and a finding by CMS that the assurances have been met. By completing the HCBS waiver application, the State specifies how it has designed the waiver’s critical processes, structures and operational features in order to meet these assurances.

- Quality Improvement is a critical operational feature that an organization employs to continually determine whether it operates in accordance with the approved design of its program, meets statutory and regulatory assurances and requirements, achieves desired outcomes, and identifies opportunities for improvement.

CMS recognizes that a state’s waiver Quality Improvement Strategy may vary depending on the nature of the waiver target population, the services offered, and the waiver’s relationship to other public programs, and will extend beyond regulatory requirements. However, for the purpose of this application, the State is expected to have, at the minimum, systems in place to measure and improve its own performance in meeting six specific waiver assurances and requirements.

It may be more efficient and effective for a Quality Improvement Strategy to span multiple waivers and other long-term care services. CMS recognizes the value of this approach and will ask the state to identify other waiver programs and long-term care services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy.

Quality Improvement Strategy: Minimum Components

The Quality Improvement Strategy that will be in effect during the period of the approved waiver is described throughout the waiver in the appendices corresponding to the statutory assurances and sub-assurances. Other documents cited must be available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if appropriate).

In the QIS discovery and remediation sections throughout the application (located in Appendices A, B, C, D, G, and I) , a state spells out:

- The evidence based discovery activities that will be conducted for each of the six major waiver assurances;
- The remediation activities followed to correct individual problems identified in the implementation of each of the assurances;

In Appendix H of the application, a State describes (1) the system improvement activities followed in response to aggregated, analyzed discovery and remediation information collected on each of the assurances; (2) the correspondent roles/responsibilities of those conducting assessing and prioritizing improving system corrections and improvements; and (3) the processes the state will follow to continuously assess the effectiveness of the OIS and revise it as necessary and appropriate.

If the State's Quality Improvement Strategy is not fully developed at the time the waiver application is submitted, the state may provide a work plan to fully develop its Quality Improvement Strategy, including the specific tasks the State plans to undertake during the period the waiver is in effect, the major milestones associated with these tasks, and the entity (or entities) responsible for the completion of these tasks.

When the Quality Improvement Strategy spans more than one waiver and/or other types of long-term care services under the Medicaid State plan, specify the control numbers for the other waiver programs and/or identify the other long-term services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy. In instances when the QIS spans more than one waiver, the State must be able to stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program. Unless the State has requested and
received approval from CMS for the consolidation of multiple waivers for the purpose of reporting, then the State must stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program, i.e., employ a representative sample for each waiver.

**Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (2 of 2)**

**H-1: Systems Improvement**

a. **System Improvements**

i. Describe the process(es) for trending, prioritizing, and implementing system improvements (i.e., design changes) prompted as a result of an analysis of discovery and remediation information.

All data aggregation and analysis is completed by the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Program Manager. The HCBS Program Manager begins the process of trend identification as aggregation and analysis is being conducted. Data and trends are then presented to the Waiver Review Committee. The Waiver Review Committee is led by the HCBS Program Manager and includes the following additional members: Division of Long Term Services and Supports HCBS Program Manager, Director, Deputy Division Director, Nurse Consultant Program Manager, Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Program Manager, Training Coordinator, Regional Managers, Regional Supervisors, and two Specialists. The Waiver Review Committee meets quarterly to discuss consumer and provider issues and to set priorities for system-wide quality improvement. As a result of an analysis of the discovery and remediation information presented to the Waiver Review Committee, system improvements are identified and design changes are made.

Effective compilation and communication of quality management information requires an appropriate infrastructure that is designed for that purpose. The backbone of support for continuous quality improvement consists of internal Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), SAMS and Ombudsmanager databases and their associated subsystems, and effective, objective reviews completed by the Regional Supervisors.

Comparative data gleaned from MMIS, SAMS, Ombudsmanager and record reviews is evaluated by the Waiver Review Committee to determine if system changes are warranted. Review of these reports may also lead to initiation of new improvement projects to benefit waiver consumers.

The following general processes and criteria guide the setting of priorities in implementing system improvements:

**Prioritization:**

The Waiver Review Committee prioritizes quality improvement activities and projects from those opportunities that provide the most benefit to the consumer, the community, providers, organization, and funding entities, while at the same time maximizing use of quality improvement resources. Consideration is given to the issues based on the following criteria:

1) Regulatory Requirements - required by law or funding sources;
2) High Risk - likelihood of adverse events or outcomes;
3) High Volume - affects many individuals;
4) High Cost - causes financial drain on system;
5) High Impact - potential to make significant change;
6) High Likelihood of Success - easy to implement and provides successful outcome;
7) Problem Prone - causes major problems if it occurs;
8) Feasibility of Time and Resources - cost/staff commitment required;
9) Measurability - data and resources can capture necessary information; and
10) Readiness to Address Issue - the time, situation, and climate are right.

After the Waiver Review Committee has identified a need for system improvement and decided action is needed, the design and development of the processes for implementing the system improvement is accomplished by the Waiver Review Committee, in coordination with other entities impacted, primarily service providers, where warranted.
Implementation of the systems improvement activities will be managed by the HCBS Program Manager and will involve Specialists, Regional Supervisors, Regional Managers, and State Office Program staff as needed. Guidance and training will be provided following each quarterly Waiver Review Committee meeting to the Division of Long Term Services and Supports staff through online webinars. Additional guidance and training will be developed and implemented as necessary through revisions to policy and procedure and may be communicated in person, through online webinars or in email correspondence to LTSS staff.

If, over time, a trend is identified where an individual or a group of Specialists are not following the waiver or policies or processes as specified, the Waiver Review Committee will design and implement staff development activities to remediate identified issues.

Progress on system improvement projects is reported at quarterly Waiver Review Committee meetings and is shared with Specialists, Regional Supervisors, Regional Managers, providers and other stakeholders with primary interest in the area targeted for improvement efforts.

The Internal Waiver Review Committee (IWRC) also serves as a resource for system improvements. The IWRC is comprised of the HCBS Waiver Program Managers of each of the four HCBS waivers in South Dakota, a representative from the Division of Medical Services (the Medicaid Agency) and other representatives from the Department of Social Services and the Department of Human Services. At quarterly IWRC meetings, HCBS Waiver Program Managers present information about trends in data, renewal application or amendment progress, and areas of concern. The IWRC quarterly meeting minutes are maintained by the Medicaid Agency.

### ii. System Improvement Activities

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### b. System Design Changes

i. Describe the process for monitoring and analyzing the effectiveness of system design changes. Include a description of the various roles and responsibilities involved in the processes for monitoring & assessing system design changes. If applicable, include the State's targeted standards for systems improvement.

The responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of the waiver quality improvement strategies is continuous and ongoing. The quality assurance review process is the initial line of monitoring and analyzing the effectiveness of system design changes that evolved through the evaluation of performance measures. Issues of non-compliance are documented by the reviewers, aggregated and analyzed by the HCBS Program Manager and brought forward for analysis by the Waiver Review Committee. A necessity for changes in the quality system is indicated when repeated issues and problems are identified and/or compliance is below 86%. Recommendations for system changes will be made by the Waiver Review Committee including timeframes for expected improvement, and will be implemented by the HCBS Program Manager and State Office Program staff.

The effectiveness of System Design changes is reviewed on a quarterly basis during the Waiver Review
Committee Meetings. The success of the changes is measured according to a negative or positive change in the overall discovery data. If there is not a positive change in the overall discovery data, the Waiver Review Committee determines if more time may be needed to determine success or whether additional system changes are necessary. When additional changes are necessary, new recommendations are made and the monitoring and analyzing process restarts.

Information on systems improvements is presented to internal stakeholders and the Internal Waiver Review Committee on a quarterly basis and to providers and other stakeholders with primary interest in the area targeted for improvement efforts.

ii. Describe the process to periodically evaluate, as appropriate, the Quality Improvement Strategy.

The Waiver Review Committee meets quarterly to review and analyze information from the previous quarters and to review progress of system improvement projects. Quality measure trends and issues are presented, discussed, and evaluated to inform decisions on additional actions to improve quality. The Waiver Review Committee periodically reviews and evaluates the quality improvement strategy, performance measures, sampling strategies, and processes for remediation and improvement. The evaluation compares performance to anticipated benchmark performance, analyzes trends in performance improvement/decrement, and analyzes remediation reports to identify systemic failures and reviews reports and descriptions of best-practice quality improvement approaches from other states for applicable practice to addressing performance issues. Based upon evaluation, the Waiver Review Committee may identify areas in need of improvement and decide upon modification to existing strategies or development and implementation of additional improvement strategies. The Waiver Review Committee evaluates the Quality Management Strategy at least annually and revises it as necessary.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-1: Financial Integrity and Accountability

**Financial Integrity.** Describe the methods that are employed to ensure the integrity of payments that have been made for waiver services, including: (a) requirements concerning the independent audit of provider agencies; (b) the financial audit program that the state conducts to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services, including the methods, scope and frequency of audits; and, (c) the agency (or agencies) responsible for conducting the financial audit program. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Providers enrolled to provide waiver services are required to submit an A-133 independent audit annually if they meet the criteria for that level of audit. Many providers voluntarily have audits conducted even if they are not required to submit an A-133. The South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit conducts an annual independent audit of the Department of Social Services Medicaid program, including the waiver program.

Waiver claims are subject to a number of post payment reviews by our Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS) unit as well as the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review process. Both the independent audit and post payment reviews include statistically valid sampling methodologies.

Under 42 C.F.R. part 456, South Dakota Medicaid is mandated to establish and maintain a Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS). The SURS unit safeguards against unnecessary or inappropriate use of South Dakota Medicaid services or excess payments, assesses the quality of those services and conducts a post-payment review process to monitor both the use of health services by recipients and the delivery of health services by providers under § 42 CFR 456.23. Overpayments to providers may be recovered by the SURS unit, regardless of whether the payment error was caused by the provider or by South Dakota Medicaid.

The SURS unit completes several off site audits throughout the year.
1. Annually, an internal post payment review for waiver providers take place. Claims data is pulled for each service code and the five providers with the highest reimbursement for each service are reviewed. Additionally, providers with significantly increased reimbursement for the service code from the last year are also reviewed. The five providers with the highest reimbursements for each service are re-reviewed after six months.
2. Annually, an internal post payment review for all providers (including waiver providers) based on spike reports, which identify providers with reimbursement more than 125% over the previous year.
3. Ongoing, an internal post payment review of billing issues specific to procedure codes and/or providers.
4. Ongoing, an internal post payment review of claims submitted by providers suspected of fraud.

The Department of Social Services participates in the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review process which begins a new cycle every three years. The PERM review employs federally contracted agencies to conduct a series of reviews. These reviews include an eligibility review, a review of data processing and claims paid, and a medical review. The review is coordinated by the Division of Medical Services. The PERM review takes approximately 2 years to complete as the various review components are conducted one after the other.

When any level of the PERM review creates questions, the Provider is contacted to provide additional documentation as necessary.

In the case of waiver services, case coordination is handled by the Division of Long Term Services and Supports. Follow-up on eligibility and/or medical questions generated by the PERM review are routed to the HCBS waiver program to provide necessary documentation.

Providers must sign a standard Provider Agreement upon enrollment as a Medicaid provider. The Provider Agreement contains the following financial integrity components:

(1) Provider agrees to keep complete and accurate medical and fiscal records that fully justify and disclose the extent of the services rendered and billings made under the medical assistance program, and agrees to furnish Medical Services and/or Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and/or Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), upon request, such information regarding any payments claimed for providing these services. Provider agrees to obtain a written waiver of the physician-patient privilege and release of medical records from each patient for the purposes of allowing access to the pertinent patient records and facilities by Medical Services, MFCU and/or HHS. Access includes, but is not limited to, the examination, inspection, photocopying and/or auditing of any requested records. Provider understands that failure to submit or failure to retain adequate documentation for all services billed to the medical assistance program may result in recovery of payments for medical services not adequately documented, and may result in the termination or suspension of Provider from participation in the medical assistance program, and may result in civil or criminal liability.

(2) Provider acknowledges that by submitting a claim to the medical assistance program, Provider certifies that the services were medically necessary, were rendered prior to the submission of the claim to the medical assistance program and that the services were rendered by Provider or incident to Provider’s professional service by an employee, and in the case of an individual practitioner, under Provider’s immediate personal supervision as permitted by the medical assistance program.

(3) Provider agrees to submit claims in accordance with billing instructions and as required under any and all state regulations.

(4) Provider agrees to submit claims that are true, accurate, and complete. Provider acknowledges by Provider’s signature on this agreement that Provider understands that payment and satisfaction of each claim will be from Federal and State funds and that any false claims, statements or documents, or concealment of material fact, may be prosecuted under applicable Federal and State law.

(5) Provider agrees to be individually responsible and accountable for the completion, accuracy, and validity of all claims submitted, including claims submitted for Provider by other parties. Provider further agrees to not make or cause to be made a claim, knowing the claim to be false, in whole or in part, by commission or omission or in any other respect contrary to the provisions of South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) Chapter 22-45.

(6) Provider agrees that claims for services and supplies rendered to medical assistance recipients shall not exceed the usual and customary charges by Provider to the general public for the same services and supplies. Provider further agrees to provide Medical Services and/or MFCU and/or HHS access to Provider’s usual and customary billing practices.

(7) Provider agrees to accept as payment in full the amounts paid in accordance with the reimbursement rates established by Medical Services, including any authorized cost sharing as allowed by Medical Services.

(8) Provider acknowledges that Medical Services is the payer of last resort (subject to certain exceptions) and acknowledges its obligation to pursue payment from all other liable parties. Provider further agrees that in the event
Provider receives payment from the medical assistance program in error or in excess of the amount properly due under the applicable rules and procedures, Provider will promptly notify Medical Services and arrange for the return of any excess money so received.

(9) Provider agrees that failure to comply with any portion of this Provider Agreement will be good cause for termination of this agreement.

(10) Provider agrees that any improper submission of claims, or actions deemed an abuse of the medical assistance program or actions involving medical assistance program abuse which result in administrative, civil or criminal liability, will be good cause for termination of this agreement.

(11) This agreement will be automatically terminated if Provider is convicted (including any form of suspended sentence) of any crime determined to be detrimental to the best interests of the Medical Assistance Program, if Provider has been suspended or terminated from participation in Medicare, or if Provider’s license is surrendered, lapsed, suspended, or revoked.

(12) Provider agrees to accept payment from the medical assistance program via electric funds transfer.

Additional claims review at the State level to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services includes the generation of a quarterly report of waiver expenditures from the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). As noted in the Performance Measures for the Financial Accountability assurance, these reviews are done using a representative sample with a confidence interval = 95%, +/-5%. The universe is all waiver claims for the quarter. RAO Soft is utilized to establish how many claims must be reviewed and an excel random sample function is utilized to create a random sample.

Finally, when the Home and Community-Based Services Program Manager, Regional Managers or Regional Office Supervisors conduct the annual on-site review for providers of homemaker, personal care, and nursing services, the reviewer ensures the provider has required billing procedures in place. In addition, the reviewer evaluates a sample of recipients to ensure providers are billing as authorized and there is documentation to support Waiver claims. Individual problems identified are brought to the attention of the Waiver provider and are remediated.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Financial Accountability Assurance: The State must demonstrate that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for ensuring financial accountability of the waiver program. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.")

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-assurance: The State provides evidence that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver and only for services rendered. (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix I performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.
Performance Measure:
Number and percent of waiver service claims that were submitted for approved services. Numerator = Waiver service claims that were submitted for approved services Denominator = Waiver service claims reviewed

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of waiver service claims that were submitted for consumers that were enrolled in the waiver on the date the service was delivered. Numerator = Number of claims submitted for consumers with current enrollment
Denominator = Waiver claims reviewed

Data Source (Select one):
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### Performance Measure:

Number and percent of survey respondents who reported they received the services that are authorized. Numerator = Number of survey respondents who reported they received the services authorized. Denominator = Number of survey respondents.

### Data Source (Select one):

- Analyzed collected data (including surveys, focus group, interviews, etc)
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b. **Sub-assurance: The state provides evidence that rates remain consistent with the approved rate methodology throughout the five year waiver cycle.**

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of waiver claims in a representative sample of participants paid at or below the rate as specified in the fee schedule for the approved waiver.

Numerator = Number of waiver claims in the sample paid using the correct rate as specified in the fee schedule for the approved waiver. Denominator = Total number of paid waiver claims in the sample.

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**ii.** If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

Data to ensure that waiver service claims are submitted for approved waiver services and for consumes enrolled in the waiver is obtained through quarterly reports of all waiver claims generate from the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). The universe is all claims paid with waiver funds. The number of waiver claims for the quarter is entered into the Raosoft sample size calculator to determine the sample size. The data is tracked in Excel spreadsheets.

In order to ensure billed services have been rendered, waiver consumers will be asked during the six month survey to confirm that the services authorized were received in the month prior to the survey. The universe is the total number of waiver survey respondents for the quarter. The number of survey respondents for the quarter is entered into the Raosoft sample calculator to determine the sample size. Any survey respondents in the random sample that indicate that all authorized services were not rendered will be reviewed to ensure the services were not billed in excess of what was provided. The data is tracked in Excel spreadsheets.

Data to ensure that waiver claims paid at or below the rate as specified in the fee schedule for the approved waiver is obtained through quarterly reports of all waiver claims generated from MMIS. The universe is all claims paid with waiver funds. The number of waiver claims for the quarter is entered into the Raosoft sample size calculator to determine the sample size. For rates set utilizing cost reports, the HCBS Manager will ensure that claims are paid at the established rate according to the fee schedule. For rates that are paid at the provider’s usual and customary charge, information will be requested from providers to verify the usual and customary charge and ensure that claims have not been paid in excess of that amount. The data is tracked in Excel Spreadsheets.

Data to ensure that waiver claims paid using the correct rate methodology as specified in the approved waiver application is obtained through quarterly reports of waiver claims generated from MMIS as well as cost report data from Provider Reimbursements and Audits. The universe is the number of waiver claims for the quarter, specific to services in which cost reports are utilized to establish the rate (homemaker, personal care, respite care, adult companion, chore, nursing, adult day, meals and Assisted Living). The number of waiver claims for the quarter is entered into the Raosoft sample calculator to determine the sample size. Cost report data will be obtained from Provider Reimbursements and Audits and compared to the claims data to ensure the rate for these services is within 90% of the reported average cost of providing the service. The data is tracked in Excel Spreadsheets.

**b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems**
i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items. When individual problems are identified, remediation occurs by recalling the payment made with Medicaid money and paying for the services with alternative funding.

If it is determined that an LTSS Specialist incorrectly authorized services, Specialist is directed to correct the authorization for services and additional training on waiver processes and procedures is provided. When trends are identified, personnel action or termination may occur.

If it is determined a provider is submitting incorrect claims corrective action will be taken. First, the Authorization for Services will be reviewed to make sure the services authorized were correct. If there is a mistake on the Authorization, the mistake will be rectified immediately. In this case, monies paid for the incorrect services may be recalled and those services will be paid for with alternate funding. If the Authorization is accurate and the provider is simply billing incorrectly, remediation may include training on billing processes and freezing payments to the provider until the monies paid for the incorrect services is returned and the provider has revised its billing processes.

If it is determined that services that have been paid have not been rendered, funds will be recalled and follow up with the provider will take place. Remediation may include training on billing processes and freezing payments to the provider until the monies paid for services that are not rendered is returned and the provider has revised its billing processes. Corrective action with the provider will take place as necessary.

If it is determined that waiver claims are not paid at or below the rate as specified in the fee schedule for the approved waiver, the monies paid for the services will be recalled and reimbursed at the rate according to the fee schedule. Corrections to the MMIS system will be made if needed and provider training will be completed as necessary.

If a comparison of the rates and the cost report data indicates that the rates are not within 90% of the reported cost of providing the service, the Division of Long Term Services and Supports will refer the information to the Provider Rate Workgroup, established in 2017, for review.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Financial Accountability that are currently non-operational.

☒ No
Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Financial Accountability, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (1 of 3)

a. Rate Determination Methods. In two pages or less, describe the methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates for waiver services and the entity or entities that are responsible for rate determination. Indicate any opportunity for public comment in the process. If different methods are employed for various types of services, the description may group services for which the same method is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Rates for homemaker, personal care, respite, adult companion, chore, nursing, adult day, meals, & Assisted Living (AL) are prospective rates modeled using historical costs as the basis. Cost report information is submitted annually to assess the adequacy of payment models implemented.

DSS utilizes stakeholder workgroups to develop rate-setting methodologies. The workgroups both informal & formal include representation from providers & agencies, fiscal, program & service delivery. The workgroup process supports a comprehensive & transparent approach to rate setting.

In addition to annual reviews of cost report data, rates are adjusted annually based on the Governor’s recommended budget & final legislative appropriation.

DSS requires a standardized cost report submitted by providers after the close of their fiscal year. The cost reports summarize expenses associated with provision of waiver services & corresponding revenue. Aggregation & analysis of data submitted in cost reports by providers from across the state, allows DSS to ensure rates are reflective of the actual cost of service provision.

Provider reimbursement rates are available to the public online at http://dss.sd.gov/asa/. Meal rates vary so are not included on the fee schedule. Meal rates are based on cost report data specific to individual providers. The fee schedule will be updated to include chores services upon approval of this Waiver Renewal Application.

The information below includes specific information regarding each service, the rate methodology, entities responsible for rate setting, frequency of rate updates and opportunities for public comment.

Rate Determination Methods
1) Homemaker, Personal Care, Respite, Adult Companion, Chore Services
   a) Methods employed to establish provider payment rates
      i) Utilizing stakeholder input, the rate methodology that established a prospective rate based on historical cost is developed. The rate model includes cost components including salary & benefits & operating costs.
      ii) Cost reports are submitted by providers on an annual basis so the cost of providing the service can be analyzed & compared to modeled rate. If the rate is sufficient according to the cost reports, the proposed rate for the upcoming fiscal year in an increase based on inflation. If cost reports show that the cost of providing the service exceeds the modeled rate, the information is used to develop the budget for the following fiscal year.
      iii) Rate is tiered based on whether or not provider offers health care coverage for direct service employees.
   b) Entities responsible for rate determination
      i) DHS LTSS, DSS Office of Provider Reimbursement & Audits (OPRA)
   c) Frequency of rate updates

2) Nursing Services and Adult Day Services
   a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
      i) Utilizing stakeholder input, the rate methodology that established a prospective rate based on historical cost is developed. The rate model includes cost components including salary & benefits & operating costs.
i) Cost reports are submitted by providers on an annual basis so the cost of providing the service can be analyzed & compared to modeled rate. If the rate is sufficient according to the cost reports, the proposed rate for the upcoming fiscal year is an increase based on inflation. If cost reports show that the cost of providing the service exceeds the modeled rate, the information is used to develop the budget for the following fiscal year. The State agrees that within 18 months it will use the most recent cost data to ensure the reimbursement rate for adult day is adequate.

b) Entities responsible for rate determination
i) DHS LTSS, DSS OPRA

c) Frequency of updates

3) Meals

a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
i) Cost reports are submitted by providers on an annual basis. This information is utilized to determine if rate adjustments are necessary. In collaboration with providers, DSS is transitioning to a more standardized approach.

b) Entities responsible for rate determination
i) DHS, LTSS and DSS OPRA.

c) Frequency of rate updates

4) Assisted Living

a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
i) Cost reports are submitted by providers on an annual basis so the cost of providing the service can be analyzed & compared to the modeled rate. If the rate is sufficient according to cost reports, the proposed rate for the upcoming fiscal year is an increase based on inflation. If cost reports show that the cost of providing the service exceeds the modeled rate, the information is used to develop the budget for the following fiscal year.

DSS utilizes historical cost report data as one data source for development of rate models for services including assisted living. Aggregation and analysis of data submitted in cost reports by providers from across the state allows South Dakota to establish rates reflective of actual costs and level of acuity. Additional data including more recent salary and wage data and other provider survey data is used in partnership with providers to develop the target rate based on the most recently available information. The median or average cost from the data available previously is $49.47.

Adequate reimbursement for Home and Community Based Services including assisted living remains a key priority for South Dakota. The Governor proposed funding for the SFY17 budget to increase HCBS reimbursement rates including assisted living. This funding is part of a three year plan to support reimbursement rates that align with at least 90% of methodology costs. The legislature approved the Governor’s proposal and added additional dollars in FY17 to support this three year plan. The FY16 rate for assisted living was $37.53 per day. The FY17 rate was adjusted to $40.50 per day (7.9% increase). Over the next two years, if funding is appropriated, DSS intends to adjust the rate for assisted living to $52.44 per day.

Medicaid supports less than 1/3 of all residents in assisted living as vast majority of recipients in assisted living are private pay and not eligible for Medicaid HCBS. Like other healthcare services, providers typically charge private pay or other health insurance plans more than Medicaid as a way to cover their total costs. In addition, Medicaid cannot participate in all costs so there is typically a gap between Medicaid and private pay reimbursement rates. South Dakota has an effective and collaborative working relationship with providers and over 75% of all licensed assisted living providers are enrolled to provide Medicaid HCBS services.

b) Entities responsible for rate determination
i) DHS, LTSS and DSS OPRA.

c) Frequency of rate updates

Opportunities for public comment for homemaker, personal care, respite, adult companion, and chore services, nursing, adult services, meals, and Assisted Living services include the following:

a) Rates are developed in collaboration with providers and associations with representation from provider groups including the AL Association of SD, the SD Association of Healthcare Organizations, & the SD Health Care Association.
b) During SD’s annual legislative session, public hearing for budget allocations, including rate adjustments are open to the public. Interested parties including providers and provider representatives regularly attend & testify in support of or opposition of the proposed budget changes each year. Any proposed changes to the Administrative Rules of SD are approved by the legislative hearing process and subject to public input and testimony.

c) Opportunities for public comment during the Waiver Application Renewal process include meetings of the Tribal Consultation, Medicaid Advisory Council, & Advisory Council on Aging as well as communication with providers, stakeholders & consumers regarding the Waiver Renewal.

5) Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies
   a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
      i) When the State Plan has been exhausted, the rate of payment for LTSS Medical Equipment is limited to the lesser of the provider’s usual & customary fee or the fee contained on the department’s website located at http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/providers/feeschedules/dss/. Fee schedule rates are developed using Medicare & other State Medicaid rates.
   b) Entities responsible for rate determination
      i) DHS, LTSS and Medical Services
   c) Frequency of rate updates

6) Emergency Response System
   a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
      i) Provider bills usual & customary charge.
   b) Entities responsible for rate determination
      i) DHS, LTSS and Medical Services
   c) Frequency of rate updates
      i) Evaluated annually. Last rate update in 2015. Evaluated as needed based on providers usual & customary provider rate increases.

7) Nutritional Supplements
   a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
      i) Provider bills usual & customary charge.
   b) Entities responsible for rate determination
      i) DHS, LTSS and Medical Services
   c) Frequency of rate updates

8) Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
   a) Methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates
      i) Provider bills usual & customary charge.
   b) Entities responsible for rate determination
      i) DHS, LTSS
   c) Frequency of rate updates
      i) Evaluated as needed based on provider feedback.

There are opportunities for public comment regarding rate methodologies for Specialized Medical Equipment, Specialized Medical Supplies, Emergency Response Systems, Nutritional Supplements and Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, during the Waiver Application Renewal process including meetings of the Tribal Consultation, Medicaid Advisory Council, & Advisory Council on Aging as well as communication with providers, stakeholders & consumers regarding the Waiver Renewal.

b. Flow of Billings. Describe the flow of billings for waiver services, specifying whether provider billings flow directly from providers to the State's claims payment system or whether billings are routed through other intermediary entities. If billings flow through other intermediary entities, specify the entities:

Claims for waiver services are submitted directly to the claims unit in the Division of Medical Services, a Division of the State Medicaid Agency, for payment.
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c. Certifying Public Expenditures (select one):

- No. State or local government agencies do not certify expenditures for waiver services.
- Yes. State or local government agencies directly expend funds for part or all of the cost of waiver services and certify their State government expenditures (CPE) in lieu of billing that amount to Medicaid.

Select at least one:

- Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of State Public Agencies.
  Specify: (a) the State government agency or agencies that certify public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on the total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-a.)

- Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of Local Government Agencies.
  Specify: (a) the local government agencies that incur certified public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-b.)

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d. Billing Validation Process. Describe the process for validating provider billings to produce the claim for federal financial participation, including the mechanism(s) to assure that all claims for payment are made only: (a) when the individual was eligible for Medicaid waiver payment on the date of service; (b) when the service was included in the participant's approved service plan; and, (c) the services were provided:

Business rules defining the processes for adjudicating claims are built into the payment system. The system looks at individual eligibility for the year and compares it to the date of service. If the individual's eligibility matches the date of service, the claim is paid. If the individual's eligibility does not match the date of service, the claim is assigned to pending or denied status. Pending claims are individually reviewed and approved or denied based on additional information. All paid claims are subject to Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review.

Each month a sample of South Dakota Medicaid recipients are sent a survey letter requesting verification of services paid the previous month on their behalf. Such services are identified in non-technical terms, and confidential services are omitted.

Under 42 CFR. part 456, South Dakota Medicaid is mandated to establish and maintain a Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS). The SURS unit safeguards against unnecessary or inappropriate use of South Dakota Medicaid services or excess payments, assesses the quality of those services and conducts a post-payment review process to monitor both the use of health services by recipients and the delivery of health services by providers under § 42 CFR 456.23. Overpayments to providers may be recovered by the SURS unit, regardless of whether the payment error was caused by the provider or by South Dakota Medicaid.
Additional claims review at the State level to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services includes the generation of a quarterly report of waiver expenditures from MMIS. From the report, a random selection of claims are compared to consumer data to ensure the claims were for current consumers and authorized services. As noted in the Performance Measures for the Financial Accountability assurance, these reviews are done using a representative sample with a confidence interval = 95%, +/-5%.

Also, when Long Term Services and Supports Regional Managers conduct their quarterly review, they access claims paid and compare them to the consumer’s Care Plan to ensure the services paid for were in the consumer’s Care Plan and the services in the Care Plan were provided.

When claims are identified as having been paid in error, the funds will be recovered. If the error was caused by the State, the monies owed to the provider would be paid with non-Medicaid dollars. If the error was caused by the provider and it is determined the provider did not provide the service, or provided the service without authorization, the provider would be required to reimburse Medicaid for those services.

e. Billing and Claims Record Maintenance Requirement. Records documenting the audit trail of adjudicated claims (including supporting documentation) are maintained by the Medicaid agency, the operating agency (if applicable), and providers of waiver services for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42.

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a. Method of payments -- MMIS (select one):

- Payments for all waiver services are made through an approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).
- Payments for some, but not all, waiver services are made through an approved MMIS.

Specify: (a) the waiver services that are not paid through an approved MMIS; (b) the process for making such payments and the entity that processes payments; (c) and how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are not made through an approved MMIS.

Specify: (a) the process by which payments are made and the entity that processes payments; (b) how and through which system(s) the payments are processed; (c) how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are made by a managed care entity or entities. The managed care entity is paid a monthly capitated payment per eligible enrollee through an approved MMIS.

Describe how payments are made to the managed care entity or entities:
b. Direct payment. In addition to providing that the Medicaid agency makes payments directly to providers of waiver services, payments for waiver services are made utilizing one or more of the following arrangements (select at least one):

☑ The Medicaid agency makes payments directly and does not use a fiscal agent (comprehensive or limited) or a managed care entity or entities.

☐ The Medicaid agency pays providers through the same fiscal agent used for the rest of the Medicaid program.

☐ The Medicaid agency pays providers of some or all waiver services through the use of a limited fiscal agent.

Specify the limited fiscal agent, the waiver services for which the limited fiscal agent makes payment, the functions that the limited fiscal agent performs in paying waiver claims, and the methods by which the Medicaid agency oversees the operations of the limited fiscal agent:

☐ Providers are paid by a managed care entity or entities for services that are included in the State's contract with the entity.

Specify how providers are paid for the services (if any) not included in the State's contract with managed care entities.

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c. Supplemental or Enhanced Payments. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan/waiver. Specify whether supplemental or enhanced payments are made. Select one:

☑ No. The State does not make supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.

☐ Yes. The State makes supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.

Describe: (a) the nature of the supplemental or enhanced payments that are made and the waiver services for which these payments are made; (b) the types of providers to which such payments are made; (c) the source of the non-Federal share of the supplemental or enhanced payment; and, (d) whether providers eligible to receive the supplemental or enhanced payment retain 100% of the total computable expenditure claimed by the State to CMS. Upon request, the State will furnish CMS with detailed information about the total amount of supplemental or enhanced payments to each provider type in the waiver.

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d. Payments to State or Local Government Providers. Specify whether State or local government providers receive payment for the provision of waiver services.

☑ No. State or local government providers do not receive payment for waiver services. Do not complete Item I-3-e.
Yes. State or local government providers receive payment for waiver services. Complete Item I-3-e.

Specify the types of State or local government providers that receive payment for waiver services and the services that the State or local government providers furnish:

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e. Amount of Payment to State or Local Government Providers.

Specify whether any State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services and, if so, whether and how the State recoups the excess and returns the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report. Select one:

- Answers provided in Appendix I-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers is the same as the amount paid to private providers of the same service.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. No public provider receives payments that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. When a State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed the cost of waiver services, the State recoups the excess and returns the federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

Describe the recoupment process:

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f. Provider Retention of Payments. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by states for services under the approved waiver. Select one:

- Providers receive and retain 100 percent of the amount claimed to CMS for waiver services.
- Providers are paid by a managed care entity (or entities) that is paid a monthly capitated payment.

Specify whether the monthly capitated payment to managed care entities is reduced or returned in part to the State.

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