



## **NADSA Public Policy Alert**

### **CMS Extends HCBS Settings Rule Deadline!**



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Dear NADSA Member:

NADSA's efforts to assist Members during the pandemic goes beyond direct COVID-19 issues. In April, we initiated action to have CMS postpone the compliance deadline for the 2014 HCBS Settings Rule. We thought trying to focus upon meeting a March 2021 settings deadline was the last thing centers should have to worry about during a pandemic. We enlisted support of colleagues in other organizations and succeeded in having the deadline extended for two years to March 17, 2023. Following is the CMS announcement and here is a link to this page: [HCBS Settings Rule](#).

Additionally, here are the links to the letters for Technical Assistance and State Medicaid Doctors referenced in the message below.

[Technical Assistance & Support](#)

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This week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance to state Medicaid agencies informing them that the agency will be extending the deadline for ensuring compliance with the Home and Community-Based Settings Regulation, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. CMS recognizes that states have faced significant challenges and delays in their implementation activities, and that service provision and community integration approaches have been disrupted.

Due to these unprecedented challenges, CMS has extended the compliance deadline for this regulation to March 17, 2023. CMS is committed to continuing its work with states, advocates, and other stakeholders to continue to improve HCBS options. [Technical assistance and support for states](#) remains available during the extension period to ensure meaningful progress with ongoing implementation efforts.

[Read CMS' letter to State Medicaid Directors.](#)

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