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Dear Stakeholders,

re: HCBS Settings Implementation Update, Training, Survey and New Settings Information Bulletins

As a reminder, by March 2023, all Division of Developmental Disabilities funded sites receiving home and community based services (HCBS) waiver funding must comply with the [federal HCBS settings rule](#), to assure people receiving services have access to community living that meets their needs and is of their choosing. The Division is charged with validating that all provider controlled/owned sites are in compliance by March 17, 2023. Please note the following:

Settings Webinars:

Dec 14, 2021, 11-12:30 pm – [HCBS Settings Implementation](#)

- This webinar will outline the HCBS Settings requirements for sites receiving funding from one of Illinois' 9 HCBS waivers, provide a timeline for validating all DDD sites and an update from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities about an upcoming related investment.

Dec 15, 2021, 11-12:30 pm – [HCBS Settings DDD Site Validation Processes](#)

- This webinar will address the prescreening survey providers will receive in the coming months, next steps in the validation process including evidence and policies collection and onsite and desk validations, compliance action plans and heightened scrutiny. We'll also cover information bulletins.

HCBS Settings Survey for People Receiving Services:

The Division is releasing a short survey for people who receive HCBS services to understand their experience. Please share widely. Providers are encouraged to help support people to fill out the survey as needed. The [survey](#) is online and should be completed by December 31, 2021.

DRAFT Information Bulletins:

Two DRAFT Information Bulletins are [posted](#) in regards to settings. These outline the expectations for establishing a residency agreement and ensuring privacy and lockable doors for individuals being served.

You can find more resources and information on our [DDD HCBS Settings webpage](#).

Sincerely,

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