Supporting People to Attain Their Wants, Needs and Dreams: Ligas Consent Decree & the HCBS Settings Rule

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- How the Ligas Consent Decree could affect you
- How HCBS Settings rule could affect you
- We need your help!
- Questions





Ligas Consent Decree

- An agreement between a group (plaintiffs) and the state
- Ligas Consent Decree came from a class action lawsuit based on the Americans with Disabilities Act.





Ligas Consent Decree

The Consent Decree is ultimately focused on:

- You and your right to person-centered, coordinated, integrated, community-based system of support.
- Your right to access services and supports, programs and activities integrated in the community that you want and need.



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Successes!

Number of people receiving HCBS services at one time.



Since FY17 <u>nearly \$620 million</u> in new funding has gone into the DD budget to provide for rate increases and new placements



Less time waiting for services and less people waiting.



What's Next?



What is Our Plan?

- Implementation of Guidehouse Rates Study, FY22 approved budget funding
- More options for services and supports
- Employment
 - Keeping Earned Income
 - New Supported Employment Staff



Plan continued:

- Person centered planning making it more about you
- PUNS reasonable pace
- Trainings New Provider, other on hot topics
- Systems issues pcp, capacity building, crisis, appeals



We want to hear from you!

- 2x Ligas Family Advisory Committee,
- 2x Ligas Advisory Townhalls
- Outreach to Ligas Class Members



What changes might you see soon:

- More options for services
- Staff turnover
- Changes to the person centered plan
- Less waiting for services
- Increased support for employment
- Improved quality



The Home and Community Based Settings Final Rule

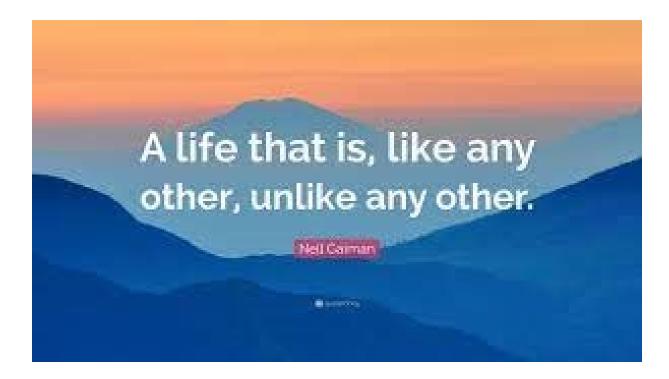




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HCBS Settings Rule Goal: Characteristics of Home and Community Based Services



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The Final Rule in Illinois

Rules apply to **Provider Owned** or **Controlled Settings** (CILA and Community Day Services)



Rule ensures:

- Plan and services reflect a person's homes, dreams and input
- Individual initiative (People deciding what they want for themselves)
- Autonomy (Being as independent someone wants)
- Choices (People deciding what they want)
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Specifics:

- Lease or residency agreement
- Privacy
- Keys to room/home



Some Choices include...

- Who to Live With (Housemate)
- Where to Live
- Whether or not to have a roommate
- How to decorate
- Control of schedules and activities
- Access to food at any time
- Visitors at any time
- Physical accessibility

Temporary Restrictions

- The restriction must be based on a specific need
- The organization must show that positive interventions have been tried but haven't worked ,(it must be documented)
- Restrictions must be revisited regularly to show the restriction is effective.
- The organization must show that any restriction is TEMPORARY
- Informed consent is required from the person whose rights are being restricted
- The intervention must be shown to cause no harm.

The Final Rule in Illinois up until now :

Statewide Transition Plan What's Next?



Heightened Scrutiny

- State will take a look at all residential and day sites to confirm the comply.
- State will take an extra hard look at homes and programs that might have isolating characteristics



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Question? Contact

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Final Rule Review

- Everyone will have a Lease
- Right to Privacy
- Key to the house key to the room
- Right to decorate room and house within the limits of the lease



Final Rule Review

- Freedom and support to control their schedule and activities
- Access to food at any time
- Visitor at any time
- Temporary restrictions
- Person centered plan