



## 4 Key Principles Essential for Compliance with the HCBS Final Rule:

### Choices

Choice is the right, power, or opportunity to choose; option.

### Rights

A person's right is that which is morally, legally, or ethically proper.

### Opportunities

An opportunity is a good position, chance, or prospect, as for advancement or success; "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something".

### Integration

Integration means to give or cause to give equal opportunity and consideration to.

## Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) November Agenda Item

*One agency provides two opportunities to go on outings per week. Is this in compliance with the HCBS final rule?*



The HCBS final rule allows for flexibility and creativity when it comes to implementation, as long as providers can demonstrate that they are offering people the 4 key principles (*Choice, Rights, Opportunities, Integration*).

Providing opportunities to individuals to go on outings is fine, as long as the individuals can choose **not** to participate and are given other choices. These options have to be choices that the individual likes and would select.

Individuals should have choices including, but not limited to:

- What they do each day
- Where they go each day
- Who they are with
- Services and supports
- Who provides the services and supports

**“Real Choice includes the opportunity to visit/understand your options”**