



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".

Community Integration

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

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) November Agenda Item

DDS Service Provider Self-Assessment



We recently sent the *ELARC Service Provider Self-Assessment* designed to measure our providers' current level of compliance with the Federal HCBS setting rules and provide a framework for assisting providers with the necessary steps towards compliance. The self-assessment reviewed 10 federal requirement standards in preparation for the upcoming self-assessment developed by *Department of Developmental Services (DDS)*. ELARC has been and will continue to assist providers to develop transition plans to help bring their services into compliance by March 17, 2022.

The department has informed regional centers that *all* providers will have to complete a self-assessment which is anticipated to be sent by DDS later this fall. ***There will be a requirement to have a panel work on the completion of the survey. The composition of the panel could include but is not limited to: individuals served, family, staff and management.***

Please note that there will be two trainings in preparation for this survey which will cover the following topics:

Provider Self-Assessment Process

- What the self-assessment tool looks like
- How to complete it
- Evaluating current services with accuracy, understanding this is an initial assessment by DDS

Achieving Compliance

This session will review the process and steps used to address the findings/results from the provider self-assessments. They will discuss what the terms "remediation" (a plan to correct) and "heightened scrutiny" (a more detailed review) mean.

**Dates are to be determined by the department. For more information, please visit:
<https://dds.ca.gov/HCBS/>*

Please discuss this item with your team, and assign a note taker to compile questions, concerns or thoughts about the information above. Please provide to Maribel Garcia at margarcia@elarc.org by 12/31/2019. Thank you.