

# Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

## Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

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

**Choices:** Is the right, power, or opportunity to choose; option.

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

**Opportunities:** 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 is to give or cause to give equal opportunity and consideration to.

For additional information on HCBS visit the following websites:

- [ELARC](#)
- [DDS](#)
- [CMS](#)

Contact ELARC's HCBS Evaluator for support or questions regarding HCBS:

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### Preparing for the Virtual On-Site Assessment *What to Expect and How to Prepare*



#### DDS Pilot HCBS Virtual On-Site Assessments

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has contracted with Public Consultant Group (PCG) to conduct the virtual HCBS On-Site Assessments. The pilot virtual on-site assessments began in December 2020. DDS and PCG identified North Bay, Far Northern and San Diego Regional Centers for the pilot assessments; 40 providers were randomly selected per regional center to pilot the virtual on-site assessments.

#### What We Know About the Assessments

- The virtual on-site assessments are projected to commence in January 2021 for all 21 regional centers. Assessments are projected to end in May 2021.
- A total of 1,200 providers will be randomly selected throughout the 21 regional centers.
- The on-site assessment will consist of conversational style interviews with providers and individuals serviced as well as a virtual tour of the site.
- Virtual assessments will be conducted via Microsoft Teams.
- Following the assessment, PCG will provide DDS with an assessment report for each provider. The report will highlight areas where providers excel as well as identify areas where improvement can be made.

#### How to Prepare

- Reach out to your Community Services Specialist and ensure that your contact information is up to date.
- Check emails consistently as communication will be primarily through email.
- Download and become familiar with Microsoft Teams (virtual platform)
- Be prepared to discuss day to day operations and procedures.
- Visit the [DDS HCBS Final Rule website](#) for updates and most recent news.

Please discuss this agenda topic with your team and identify any questions, concerns or comments about the topic. Provide your feedback to [Lizette Villa](#) by January 31, 2021. Thank you.