

# Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

## Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

### HCBS Assessments: Next Steps



#### 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:

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

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

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#### Assessments

The [California Statewide Transition Plan \(STP\)](#) outlines the steps the state will take to be in alignment with the HCBS Final Rule. These steps include an evaluation of current services through a self-assessment, a review and sample of on-site assessments to validate the results of the self-assessment, input from individuals receiving services, and the completion of transition plans for services that are not in alignment with the Final Rule.

Most service providers completed the DDS self-assessment in August 2020; service providers who did not complete the DDS self-assessment and were required to do so, should contact ELARC’s HCBS Evaluator for completion of the self-assessment. In partnership with Public Consulting Group (PCG), DDS conducted a total of 1201 virtual on-site assessments in 2021 through the state of California.

#### What next for Service Providers?

PCG will provide DDS with a compliance status report for each service provider based on the information gathered from the service provider self-assessments and site-assessments (or both if applicable). DDS will share these reports with Regional Centers who will distribute the reports to service providers. Service providers will be asked to develop a remediation plan for areas in which they are not in alignment with the HCBS Final Rule. Additionally, service providers will need to validate compliance by submitting supporting documents for areas in which they self-identified as being in compliance with the HCBS Final Rule. ELARC will work closely with each service provider during the vendor transition period to help support them with coming into compliance with the Final Rule.

#### What does this mean for Service Coordinators?

Service Coordinators will assess for service provider compliance with the 10 federal requirements of the HCBS Final Rule, during IPP and ISP meetings. If the Service Coordinator identifies that a service provider needs support coming into compliance with the HCBS Final Rule, the Service Coordinator will notify ELARC’s HCBS Evaluator who will coordinate support for the service provider.