What is the “HCBS Final Rule”? 

- This is a federal rule from a federal agency called Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).
- It impacts residential and day service settings funded through Medicaid where Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are provided.
- Works to make sure people have choice and control in their lives.

All HCBS Settings Must …

- Help you fully take part in the greater community;
- Give you choice, control and independence in your life;
- Give you choices about where you live and where you spend your time;
- Honor your right to privacy, dignity and respect;
- Support you to get a job in the community if you want one; and
- Support you to have a choice of services and choice of who provides them.

Coercion Means:

- Forced
- Tricked
- Controlled
- Manipulated
- Unfairly Influenced
- Misled

Respect includes no coercion or restraint.
Remember these pieces of the final rule:

• The Rule is about YOU and YOUR everyday life.
• The Rule says you get a choice about where you live, and who you live with.
• The Rules says you get a choice about where you spend your day, and how you spend your time during the day.
• If you think the Rule is not being followed, speak up! Your voice matters.

What if the Final Rule is not being honored in your life?

• Talk to Your Supports coordinator
• Talk to Your Provider
• Talk to your team about what you want
• Review your person-centered plan with your team

Who do you call if you still need help?

• Office of Developmental Programs
  Customer Service
  1-888-565-9435
• Disability Rights PA
  1-800-692-7443
• Adult Protective Services
  1-800-490-8505

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