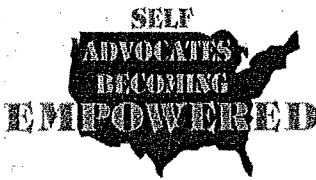


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To: United States and supporting Developmental  
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Fr: SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered)  
Bernard Baker, President  
Re: HCBS (Home Community Based Services)  
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As you are aware, states have known about the HCBS settings rule since around 2014. States have also known they must be in compliance with the rules by March 2023. On behalf of SABE, self-advocates across the nation believe there is a real problem for lack of communication between some providers and the people being served. The rules and rights should be shared to all people living in homes and settings for their rights. We believe this has not been the case across the country. It is your responsibility to inform people about the plan around the HCBS settings. Please educate self-advocates and people served on these rules.

There are resources to help you with supporting people served. You can visit the Self Advocacy Resource & Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC) website or [selfadvocacyinfo.org](http://selfadvocacyinfo.org) and search for Home Community Based Services (HCBS). There, you will find a presentation that was created by self-advocates to help other self-advocates understand the rule. There are also mini grants available to support self-advocates with HCBS involvement and ongoing webinars through SARTAC.

If you believe in supporting people, respect us as people. "Nothing About Us, Without Us." Thanks for your consideration and respect.