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Illinois Healthcare Transformation 1115 Waiver Annual Public Forum

Friday, October 30, 2026 | 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

***To provide an update on progress of Illinois' Healthcare Transformation 1115 Waiver
and to solicit comments.***

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services will hold a virtual public forum on the state's Healthcare Transformation 1115 Medicaid waiver. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires the Illinois Medicaid Program to hold an annual public forum to solicit comments on the progress of the state's 1115 Demonstration Waivers.

Individuals seeking to provide oral comments must pre-register by sending an email to hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov by 5 PM on October 26, 2026. Written comments may be submitted to HFS.1115waiver@Illinois.gov by October 26, 2026. Additional instructions on how to submit comments are provided below.

How to Join the Forum

This meeting will be held virtually using WebEx and we encourage you to join via the weblink so that you can view the information being presented.

- **To join by link:** Please register in advance of the meeting & join the WebEx Meeting a few minutes before the meeting starts. Please use the following meeting link to register
During this brief registration your (name and email) will be required.
 - <https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r6e266d44f160fbff5eabd386d5fe9b64>
 - Once registered, WebEx will provide you access to the meeting link.
- **To join by phone:** +1-312-535-8110 (Chicago) Toll, +1-415-655-0002 US Toll
- **Meeting Number & Access Code:** 2866 727 8963 **Password:** 1115W

Additional information about Illinois' Healthcare Transformation 1115 Waiver can be found on the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services web page at:

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/cc/1115transformation.html>. The most recent annual report that was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) can be found here: <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/cc/monreportsiht1115waiver.html>

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. General Meeting Operations and Communications
 - II. **Introduction of HFS Staff**
 - III. **Forum Purpose**
 - IV. **Background of the Healthcare Transformation 1115 Waiver**
 - V. **Program Updates**
 - A. SUD Services
 - B. HRSN Implementation Planning
 - C. Pre-release/re-entry Implementation Planning
 - VI. **Public Comment Period**
 - VII. **Adjournment**
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HFS is committed to ensuring that this public meeting meets the disability access needs of all participants. Please contact Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov with any disability access requests as early as possible. Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for 1115 Waiver Public Forum Disability Support: Friday, October 30, 2026.**

WebEx Tips

- Closed Captioning will be available during the meeting.
- We strongly suggest using the WebEx link to attend the meeting so that you will have full functionality and capabilities during the meeting.
- You may use your computer's audio or the phone option for sound; in our experience the "Call me" option has the best sound quality.
- If you are calling-in and not using the WebEx link, please email Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov **before 4:00 p.m. Thursday October 29, 2026**. Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for 1115 Waiver Public Forum Attendee Support: Friday, October 30, 2026.** You will then receive any last-minute meeting materials if applicable.
- Individuals participating through WebEx may use the "chat" function to communicate with the meeting host and/or co-host.

To Provide Public Comments, You Must Register in Advance as Follows:

- To speak during the meeting, interested parties must email Melishia Bansa at hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov

And register **by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday October 26, 2026.**

- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide 1115 Waiver Public Comment during Public Forum: Friday, October 30, 2026.**
- All public speakers must provide their name, title, organization name, email address and contact number when signing up to speak.
- **Speaker Requirements During the Meeting:** The Department will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, however there is limited availability for public comments. Comments must be short in length. At the Department's discretion and based upon the public comment time allotted, each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to provide comments during the meeting.
- Organizations should designate a single spokesperson to provide comment on behalf of the entity.
- Once your request has been reviewed, you will receive a confirmation email from Melishia Bansa.
- Registrants will be provided with details of how to join the meeting to provide comments by **October 30, 2026.**

Regarding the Submission of Written Comments:

- Additionally, interested parties may also provide written comments to the Department in lieu of speaking during the meeting.
- Please send written comments to HFS at HFS.1115waiver@Illinois.gov by **5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2026.**

Postponing the WebEx Meeting:

- If in the event of any technical errors with the Virtual WebEx platform that could impede upon the virtual operations of the meeting experience, the meeting will be postponed until further notice.
- Registered Attendees will receive an email notification informing them the meeting has been postponed until further notice.
- Registered Attendees will receive an email notification regarding the new date of the rescheduled meeting.