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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver

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Summary of HCBS Waiver Changes

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to amend the Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) for the Illinois Supportive Living Program – IL 0326. Changes in the amendment include:

1. Request federal approval to implement Public Act 104-0470 which allows individuals age 44 to 64 with a dementia disability diagnosis, as defined by the Social Security Administration, to receive services in a supportive living dementia care setting if the individual meets all other eligibility requirements to receive services under 89 Ill. Adm. Code 146 Subpart B and E effective 1/1/2027, or upon CMS approval. Updated Appendix Main-2, B-1-A, B-3-F, and B-8 to include this language.
2. Update Appendices C-5, D-1-d, D-1-ii, and D-2-a to reflect changes resulting from the 3.7 software change.
3. Update Appendix D-1-d-i to include that the Person Centered Plan is signed by all providers responsible for the implementation of the person-centered service plan and a receive a copy of the plan.
4. Update Appendices F-3-b and F-3-c to include updated grievance procedures to meet the requirements in the Federal HCBS Access Rule.
5. Update Appendix I-2-a to include the State's recordkeeping practices for public input, to include the MA's comparative payment rate analysis and payment rate disclosure requirements in compliance with 42 CFR 447.203(b)(3), and the MA's payment rate transparency disclosure in compliance with 42 CFR 447.203(b)(1).
6. No changes made to Appendix J-2-d related to the individuals 44-64 with dementia becoming eligible for the waiver for WY5 since the current waiver projections were sufficient to cover the potential increase in customers for the remainder of WY5.

How to Access the HCBS Waiver

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>.
- 2) A non-electronic public notice may be viewed at the Department of Human Services (DHS) local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to the two methods of notification above, HFS, the operating agency for the waiver, will share the public notice and the opportunity for input with stakeholders and other interested parties.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver amendment may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/hcbs/slf.html> or may be requested by calling 217/524-4148. Copies are also available at the following locations:

Healthcare and Family Services	Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East	401 South Clinton
Springfield, IL 62763	Chicago, IL 60607

How to Submit Public Comments

HFS is accepting public input regarding this proposed amendment for a 30-day public comment period from 9/2/2026 through 10/32/2026. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to the HFS email address at HFS.HCBSWaiver@illinois.gov or mail their written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
ATTN: Waiver Operations Management
201 South Grand Avenue East, 2FL
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A summary of the public notice and comments received will be incorporated into the proposed waiver renewal. The summary will include modifications to the proposed waiver renewal and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.