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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services Waiver

3/13/2026

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to renew the Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) for the Persons with Disabilities waiver – IL0142. Changes in the renewal will be effective July 1, 2026, and include:

1. Increase the Individual Provider and Respite Individual Provider rates. The rates will increase in the following manner effective 7/1/2026, with CMS approval, in response to the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - Individual Provider and Respite Individual Provider increase from \$19.50 to \$20.00 an hour.
 - Individual Provider (CNA) and Respite Individual Provider (CNA) increase from \$22.50 to \$23.00 an hour.
 - Individual Provider (LPN) and Respite Individual Provider (LPN) increase from \$29.50 to \$30.00 an hour.
 - Individual Provider (RN) and Respite Individual Provider (RN) increase from \$36.25 to \$36.75 an hour.
2. Edited Main-2 and Appendix A-3 to remove the reference to the Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) which ended 12/31/2025 and replace with the Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan program (D-SNP) model, which is called the Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE SNP), which became effective 1/1/2026.
3. Edited Appendix B-2-a-Other to revise the service cost maximum (SCM) table to account for the 7/1/2026 rate increases. The new SCMs will be effective 7/1/2026, or upon CMS approval.
4. Edited Appendix B-3-a to update the phase-in/phase-out enrollment numbers for the 5-year waiver renewal period.
5. Edited Appendices C-2-d and C-2-e to remove language that prevented legally responsible individuals from working over 40 hours a week.
6. Edited Appendices C-2-e, C-5, D-1-d, D-1-ii, and D-2-a to reflect changes resulting from the 3.7 software change.
7. Edited Appendices F-3-b and F-3-c to include updated grievance procedures which meet the requirements in the Federal HCBS Access Rule implementation deadline of 7/1/2026.
8. Edited Appendix I-2-a to reflect the current provider rates for the renewal.
9. Edited Appendix J for waiver capacity and overall cost estimates for the 5-year waiver period.

HFS seeks public input on this proposed waiver renewal through a statement of public comment notice. An electronic public comment notice is posted on the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>.

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, the Operating Agency for the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Disabilities, emailed notification to its stakeholders and other interested parties of how to view and obtain a copy of the public comment notice and the proposed waiver renewal.

The proposed waiver renewal may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/hcbs/disabilities.html> or may be requested by calling (217) 524-4148. A non-electronic copy of the proposed waiver renewal may be viewed at Department of Human Services local offices throughout the State, except in Cook County. In Cook County, the proposed waiver renewal is available at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

HFS is accepting public input regarding this proposed renewal for a 30-day public comment period from 3/13/2026 through 4/13/2026. 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
Springfield, IL 62763

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.