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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services Waiver

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The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to renew the Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) for the Persons who are Elderly waiver – IL0143. Changes in the renewal will be effective 10/1/2026, and include:

1. All appendices were updated for accuracy and to streamline narratives.
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 replaced with the Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan program (D-SNP) model, which is called the Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE SNP), and became effective 1/1/2026.
3. Edited C-2-b to reflect the State's addition of an abuse registry screening process.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Edited Appendix I-2-a to reflect the current provider rates for the renewal.
7. Edited Appendix J for waiver capacity and overall cost estimates for the 5-year waiver period.
8. Removed all references indicating that quality assurance record reviews will be done onsite by the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) and External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). All record reviews will be done remotely and will continue to ensure compliance with performance measures as well as with all applicable state and federal requirements, and MCO contractual requirements.
9. Edited Appendix B-3-a to update the phase-in/phase-out enrollment numbers for the 5-year waiver renewal period.

10. Edited Performance Measures to reflect accurate data sources, the responsible party for data collection/generation, the frequency of data collection/generation, sampling approach, and responsible party for data aggregation and analysis, and the frequency of data aggregation and analysis.

11. Edited Performance Measures A5 and A6 to delete fee-for-service (FFS) customers from the PMs.

12. Added Performance Measures A7 and A8 to capture fee-for-service (FFS) customers.

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

In addition, the Illinois Department on Aging, 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 renewal may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/hcbs.html> or may be requested by calling (217) 524-4148. Copies are also available at the following locations:

Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763

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401 South Clinton
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HFS is accepting public input regarding this proposed renewal for a 30-day public comment period from 5/21/2026 through 6/20/2026. 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
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A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the waiver renewal. The summary will include modifications to the initial waiver renewal and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.