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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 (HCBS) Waiver for Adults with Developmental Disabilities— IL 0350. Changes in the amendment include:

1. Correct an error in the Enhanced Residential service rate in the 1/1/2026 amendment. The narrative was meant to read that the Enhanced Residential service rate would increase from \$22.20 to \$23.18 statewide and from \$25.45 to \$26.56 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties effective 1/1/2026.
2. Correct an error in the Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 1 person) service rate reported for 1/1/2026 amendment. The narrative was meant to read that the Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 1 person) service rate would increase from \$59.09 to \$61.46 statewide and \$67.37 to \$70.07 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties effective 1/1/2026.
3. Correct an error in the Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 2 person) service rate reported in the 1/1/2026 amendment. The narrative was meant to read that the Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 2 person) service rate would increase \$29.54 to \$30.73 statewide and \$33.68 to \$35.04 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties effective 1/1/2026.
4. Correct an error in the Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 3 person) service rate reported in the 1/1/2026 amendment. The narrative was meant to read that the Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 3 person) service rate would increase from \$19.70 to \$20.49 statewide and \$22.46 to \$23.36 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties.
5. Request federal approval for an increase in the following rates in response to legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly as Public Act 104-0466. All increases are effective 1/1/2027, or upon CMS approval.
 - The Community Day Services (CDS) (On-Site) rate will increase from \$18.38 to \$18.85 statewide and from \$20.89 to \$21.42 in Chicago, Cook and the Collar counties.
 - The CDS (Off-Site) rate will increase from \$20.94 to \$21.52 statewide and from \$24.01 to \$24.68 in Chicago, Cook and the Collar counties.
 - The Enhanced Residential rate will increase from \$23.18 to \$23.84 statewide and from \$26.56 to \$27.31 in Chicago, Cook and the Collar counties.

- Temporary Intensive Staffing Supports (Residential) and Temporary Intensive Staffing (CDS) rates will increase from \$27.67 to \$28.45 statewide and from \$31.82 to \$32.72 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar Counties.
- Residential Habilitation (24-hour CILA) average daily rate will increase from \$375.11 to \$401.63.
- The Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 1 person) service rate will increase from \$61.46 to \$63.54 statewide and from \$70.07 to \$72.42 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties.
- The Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 2 person) service rate will increase from \$30.73 to \$31.77 statewide and from \$35.04 to \$36.21 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties.
- The Residential Habilitation (Intermittent CILA – 3 person) service rate will increase from \$20.49 to \$21.18 statewide and from \$23.36 to \$24.14 in Chicago, Cook, and Collar counties.
- Supported Employment (Individual) service rates will increase from \$50.92 to \$52.27 statewide and from \$50.92 to \$52.27 in Chicago, Cook and Collar counties.
- Supported Employment (Small Group Level 1) (1:3 staff to customer ratio) rates will increase from \$22.72 to \$24.22 statewide and from \$26.09 to \$27.81 in Chicago, Cook and Collar counties.
- Supported Employment (Large Group Level 2) (1:6 staff to customer ratio) rates will increase from \$8.73 to \$8.98 statewide and from \$10.00 to \$10.28 in Chicago, Cook and Collar counties.
- The DSP hourly rate wage will increase from \$21.30 to \$21.90 statewide and from \$24.50 to \$25.19 in Chicago, Cook and Collar counties.
- The Job Coach staff wage will increase from \$22.94 to \$23.58 statewide and from \$26.38 to \$27.12 in Chicago, Cook and Collar counties.

6. Request federal approval for an increase in the following rates effective 1/1/2027, or upon CMS approval.

- Adult Day Service rate will increase from \$21.82 to \$23.22 to align with IL-0143 rate increase effective 1/1/2027.
- Skilled Nursing RN rate will increase from \$45.00 to \$57.78 statewide and Skilled Nursing LPN rate will increase from \$37.50 to \$48.15 statewide to align with current home health fee schedule.
- Non-Medical Transportation rate will increase from \$0.67 per mile to \$0.73 per mile in accordance with 2026 non-IRS reimbursed mileage rates.

7. Update Appendix I-2-a (in Main B Optional) to reflect the increase in the rates mentioned above.

8. Update Appendix J-2-c-i (in Main B Optional) to reflect the increase in the rates mentioned above.

9. No changes were made to update Appendix J-2-d for WY5 related to the rate increases noted above. Since the rate increases were less than 10%, per CMS guidance, and the current waiver projections were sufficient to cover the increases.

10. Update the Limits section in the service definition for Community Day Services (CDS) in Appendix C-1/C-3 to increase the maximum daily limit from 5 hours per day to 8 hours per day for non-residential, home-based customers that purchase this service through self-directed budget authority. The 5 hours per day maximum remains in place for customers receiving residential habilitation supports in addition to CDS services. Monthly and annual limitations remain in place for all customers.

11. Updated Main B Optional due to character limits. The word “amendment” was deleted throughout. The period after abbreviations was deleted throughout. The following words were abbreviated: “reimbursement” has been changed to “reimbur”; “component” has been changed to “comp”; “administrative/ion” has been changed to “admin”; “methodology” has been changed to “meth”; “Supervisor/ion” has been changed to “Sup”; “percentage” has been changed to the symbol “%”; “calculated” has been changed to “calc”; “reviewed” has been changed to “rev”; “associated” has been changed to “assoc”; “intermittent” has been changed to “intermit”; “hourly” has been changed to “hr”; “implemented/ing” have been changed to “imp”; “adjustment” has been changed to “adj”; “calculation” has been changed to “calc”; “medication administration” has been changed to “med admin”; “nursing” has been changed to “nsg”; “Host Family” has been changed to “HF”; “Day Habilitation” has been changed to “Day Hab”; and “enhanced” has been changed to “enh”.

How to Access the HCBS Waiver

An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver amendment may also be downloaded and printed from the [HFS Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver webpage](#) 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

Healthcare and Family Services
401 South Clinton
Chicago, IL 60607

In addition to the methods of notification above, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), the operating agency for the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, will share the public notice and the opportunity for input with stakeholders and other interested parties.

How to Submit Public Comments

HFS is accepting public input regarding this proposed amendment for a 30-day public comment period from 9/8/2026 through 10/8/2026. 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.