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CORRECTED 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) Residential Waiver for Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities – IL 0473. Changes in the amendment include:

1. Implement a 3% rate increase for Child Group Home in response to DCFS rate increases, effective 1/1/2027, or upon CMS approval.
2. Update Appendix I-2-a to reflect the rate increase mentioned above.
3. Update Appendix J-2-c-i to reflect the rate increase mentioned above.
4. Revise Appendix B-3-f, Selection of Entrants to the Waiver, allowing Child Group Home residents placed by DCFS where parental rights have been fully restored to be the only recognized priority group in the Children's Residential Waiver.
5. Revise Performance Measure B2 and B3 to change the sampling approach from 100% review to representative sample with 95% confidence level with a +/-5% margin of error. The data source was also changed to record review.
6. Revise Appendix F-3, Grievance/Complaint system, to meet the requirements in the federal HCBS Access Rule.
7. Revise Performance Measure I2 to change the responsible party for data collection/generation from the Operating Agency to the Medicaid Agency. The data source was also changed to MMIS.
8. No changes were made to update Appendix J-2-d for the rate increases noted above for WY5 since the rate increases were less than 10%, per CMS guidance, and the current waiver projections were sufficient to cover the increases.

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 Children's Residential 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 Children's Residential 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.