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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 the Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent – IL 0278. Changes in the amendment include:

1. Add a new service called Legally Responsible Adult as a Certified Nursing Assistant service (LRA-CNA) effective 1/1/2027, or upon CMS approval. This service will allow legally responsible adults to provide certified nursing assistant services to customers under 21 years of age.

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 Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent 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 University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC), the operating agency for the MFTD 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 9/11/2026 through 10/11/2026. 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.