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Public Comment Notice – Proposed 1915(i) State Plan Amendment Pediatric Palliative Care Program

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The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to submit a 1915(i) state plan amendment (SPA) to establish a new home and community-based services (HCBS) benefit.

Pursuant to [Public Act 102-0655](#), the 1915(i) SPA will establish the Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Program (PPCP). Under the PPCP, new home and community-based pediatric palliative services will be available within the Illinois Medicaid program. The PPCP benefit is targeted to children under the age of 21 diagnosed with a life-threatening or life-limiting condition who meet established needs-based criteria.

Children eligible for the PPCP will have access to the following services:

- Pain and symptom management;
- Expressive therapies;
- Therapeutic serious illness and bereavement support; and,
- Respite care.

This expanded service array will provide additional support to families in managing their child's symptoms in the home setting, with a focus on improving childhood quality of life. HFS anticipates implementing these new services effective July 1, 2023. The fiscal impact for the PPCP is estimated at \$1.3 million annually.

Illinois seeks public input on this proposed 1915(i) state plan through the following mechanisms:

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at:
<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>
- 2) A hard copy of the public notice and proposed 1915(i) state plan amendment may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at:
<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/cc/Pages/1915iapplication.aspx> or may be requested by email at HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov. 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

HFS is accepting public input regarding the proposed state plan amendment for a 30-day public comment period from January 19, 2023 through February 18, 2023. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov or mail written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
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A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the amendment.