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Public Notice Final Statewide Transition Plan (STP) Approval

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On December 8, 2022, the State submitted a revised Statewide Transition Plan (STP) to Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) after completing updates in response to public comments on the STP presented on September 30, 2022. The State completed several technical changes based on CMS feedback received on December 29, 2022, then resubmitted the STP to CMS on January 31, 2023.

CMS granted the State final STP approval on February 15, 2023. This approval represents CMS endorsement of the State's plan to align Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) Waiver systems and practices with Federal HCBS Settings requirements. The State will continue collaboration with CMS to address compliance among Illinois Heightened Scrutiny locations, fulfillment of required remediation activities, and enhancing ongoing compliance monitoring processes toward best practice. The State wishes to thank all of the groups and individuals who assisted the State in achieving this milestone.

Interested individuals may view the State's approved STP and CMS Approval letter at this link:

https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/HCBS/Transition/Pages/TransitionPlan.aspx.

An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at <u>https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx</u>.

A non-electronic public notice may be viewed at the following HFS:

- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Bloom Building, 201 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois 62763.
- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Office of the Director, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60607.

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