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## Illinois EVV Communication

Date: April 1, 2025

- To: Personal Care Services (PCS) and Home Health Care Services (HHCS) Providers
- Re: April 2025 Illinois Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Reminders and Announcements

## REMINDERS

The <u>Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)</u> is reminding Personal Care Service (PCS) and Home Health Care Service (HHCS) providers of the following:

- Direct use of HHAeXchange (HHA) or transmission of EVV to HHA from a thirdparty EVV system is **REQUIRED** for:
  - Personal Support Workers (PSWs) and HHCS providers billing IDHS-DDD; HHCS providers billing Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC); and HHCS providers billing Illinois Medicaid, HealthChoice Illinois (HCI) Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), and Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) MCOs.
- Per <u>HFS</u>, <u>IDHS-DDD</u>, and <u>DSCC</u> policy, the above provider populations are required to have an overall EVV compliance rate of 50% by **May 1, 2025**.
- HHA is NOT live for providers serving <u>IDHS-DRS</u> Home Services Program (HSP) customers or <u>IDoA</u> Community Care Program (CCP) customers. HSP and CCP providers may NOT yet use the free State-sponsored HHA software to fulfill HSP and CCP requirements and should continue business as usual until further notice from IDHS-DRS and IDoA.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are applicable **ONLY** to providers currently required to use HHA or transmit EVV to HHA from a third-party EVV system, and **NOT** providers serving IDHS-DRS HSP or IDoA CCP customers.

- **NEW HHA Customer Support Portal**: Effective April 1, 2025, Illinois providers must use HHA's new <u>Customer Support portal</u> to submit requests to HHA for technical Support.
  - Providers with tickets that are open at the time of HHA's transition to the new Customer Support portal will have their tickets transferred over to the new portal.
  - Providers that have opened a ticket within the last 60 days should have received a "Create Your Support Login" email from HHA, offering guidance on setting up new usernames and passwords for HHA's new Customer Support portal. The new <u>Customer Support portal login page</u> includes a form for providers to request credentials.
  - Providers may continue to request technical support from HHA via their Illinois EVV Helpline at 1-833-961-7429 and Illinois email support address: <u>ILsupport@hhaexchange.com</u>.
  - Providers may watch HHA's new <u>support portal overview video</u> for guidance.
- **NEW HHA Trainings**: HHA is hosting two trainings intended to assist providers with developing an HHA portal, using HHA directly or integrating a third-party EVV system with HHA, and tracking EVV compliance.
  - These trainings are ONLY intended for providers currently in-scope for HHA and NOT providers billing IDoA, DRS, or the MCOs for service provision to Elderly or DRS waiver customers.
  - In-scope providers who have not yet completed <u>HHA's Illinois provider</u> <u>enrollment survey</u> should do so as soon as possible.
  - Providers may register for HHA's "EVV Best Practices" training on April 17, 2025 from 2 to 3 pm (CST) at this <u>registration link</u>. During this training, HHA will cover provider onboarding steps and ensuring successful EVV usage.
  - Providers may register for HHA's "Boost Your EVV Compliance" webinar on April 29, 2025, from 11 am to 12 pm (CST) at <u>this registration link</u>. During this training, HHA will cover troubleshooting tools and EVV compliance monitoring technique for providers.
  - The training recording and materials will be uploaded to <u>HHA's Illinois</u> <u>Information Hub</u>.

For additional Illinois EVV resources and guidance, providers are encouraged to visit <u>HHA's Learning Management System</u>, <u>HHA's Illinois Information Hub</u>, and <u>HFS' EVV</u> <u>website</u>.

For questions regarding this notice, please email <u>HFS.EVV@illinois.gov</u>.