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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services Waiver

12/30/2022

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to amend the Persons who are Elderly waiver – IL 0143. The amendment contains few changes from the current waiver. The primary differences are increasing the homemaker rate from \$25.66 to \$26.92 effective March 1, 2023 and adding Fall Detection to the existing Emergency Home Response Service effective July 1, 2023.

Illinois seeks public input on this proposed waiver amendment of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly through two separate statements of public notice.

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx.
- A non-electronic public notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to the two methods of notification above, the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA), the operating agency of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly, will share the public notice and the opportunity for input with stakeholders and other interested parties.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver amendment may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/HCBS/Pages/default.aspx 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

HFS is accepting public input regarding the proposed amendment of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly for a 30-day public comment period from 12/30/2022 through 1/29/2023. 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: Bureau of Waiver Operations Management 201 South Grand Avenue East, 2nd floor Springfield, IL 62763

A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the waiver amendment. The summary will include modifications to the initial waiver amendment and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.

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