

# 1115 Continuity of Care and Administrative Simplification Waiver Extension and Amendment – Public Hearings

May 28, 2025 Springfield (In-Person & Virtual)

June 2, 2025 Chicago (In-Person & Virtual)



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Healthcare and Family Services



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## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

# We improve lives.

- ▶ We address social and structural determinants of health.
- ▶ We empower customers to maximize their health and well being.
- ▶ We provide consistent, responsive service to our colleagues and customers.
- ▶ We make equity the foundation of everything we do.

This is possible because:

### ▶ **We value our staff as our greatest asset.**

We do this by:

Fully staffing a diverse workforce whose skills and experiences strengthen HFS.

Ensuring all staff and systems work together.

Maintaining a positive workplace where strong teams contribute, grow and stay.

Providing exceptional training programs that develop and support all employees.

### ▶ **We are always improving.**

We do this by:

Having specific and measurable goals and using analytics to improve outcomes.

Using technology and interagency collaboration to maximize efficiency and impact.

Learning from successes and failures.

### ▶ **We inspire public confidence.**

We do this by:

Using research and analytics to drive policy and shape legislative initiatives.

Clearly communicating the impacts of our work.

Being responsible stewards of public resources.

Staying focused on our goals.

# Agenda

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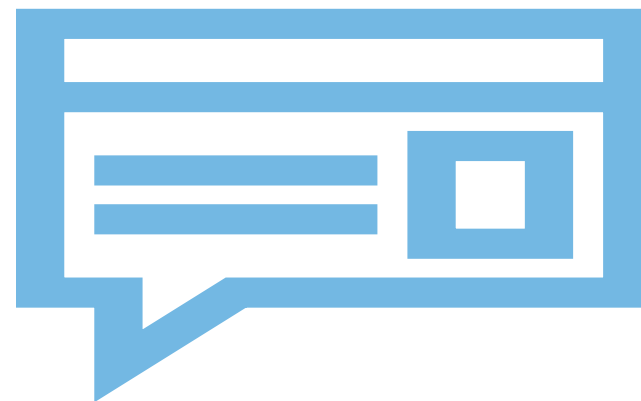
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# Public Hearing Procedures and Guidelines



## **Participants Attending Virtually and Public Comments**



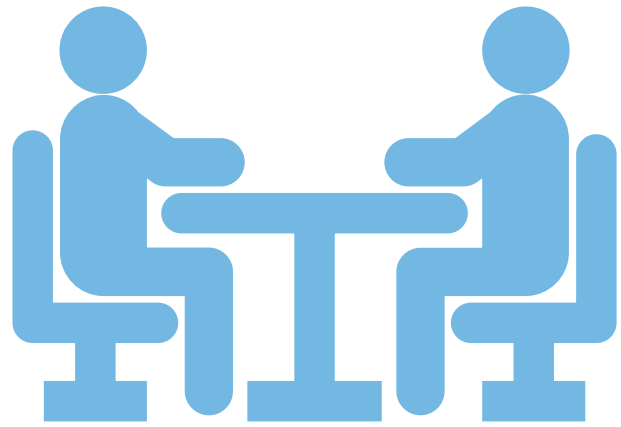
# Virtual House Keeping

- Attending Virtually - Meeting basics:
  - Please note, this meeting is being recorded only for the purposes of accurately recording public comments.
  - To ensure accurate records, please type your name and organization into the chat.
  - Please be sure to mute your audio except when speaking.
  - Please note that HFS staff may mute participants to minimize any type of disruptive noise or feedback.
- HFS is committed to hosting meetings that are accessible and ADA compliant. Closed captioning is provided for you today via the WebEx platform.
- Foreign language captioning is available through WebEx Platform through the Web Widget Closed Captioning icon, which is indicated as the “CC” located in the lower left corner of your WebEx Screen. Please click on the “CC” icon to turn “on” or turn “off” the closed caption feature on your WebEx Screen. Please click on the down arrow located to the right of the CC icon in order to select or change the language of captions.
- Public Comments for those that registered to **speak virtually** prior to today’s public hearing:
  - All registered public comments will be reviewed at the beginning of the public comment section of today’s hearing indicating the order of each individual public commenter.

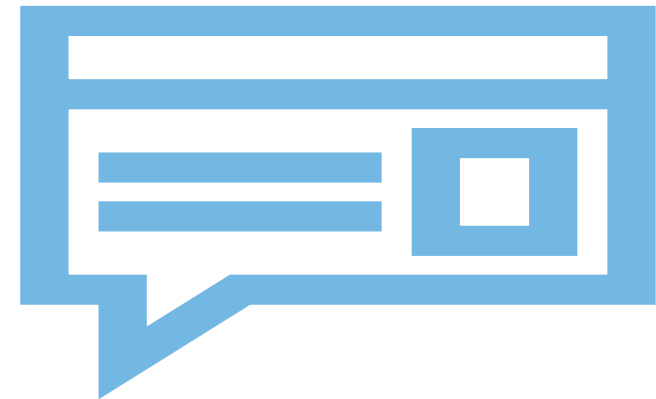
# Virtual House Keeping

## Meeting basics Cont.

- If you are providing a public comment during today's public hearing, please wait until your name is called to provide your public comment.
- You will be provided with approximately 5 minutes to provide your public comments to ensure there is also enough time allotted for other public comments.
- Public Comments being provided virtually for those that were unable to register for Public Comment prior to today's Public Hearing.
  - If you joined the public hearing virtually and were unable to register and would still like to make a public comment, please use the Webex chat function to notify the host in the chat. . Please provide your full name, title, organization, contact information- phone and email, topic area, and description of your public comment in the chat.
  - If you have a question during the meeting, please utilize the Webex chat feature to send your question directly to the host/co-host during the Public Hearing.
  - Speakers will be heard on a first come, first serve basis.
  - **Individuals** providing public comments virtually should limit their comments to **five minutes**.
- Please email Melishia Bansa at [hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov](mailto:hfs.boards.and.commissions@illinois.gov) or Jenna.King@illinois.gov to report any requests or accommodations you may require or use the chat to alert me of challenges you may have encountered during today's public hearing.



## **Participants Attending In- Person & Public Comments**





# House Keeping – In-Person Hearings

- Attendees must sign in at the registration desk outside of the public hearing location.
- Public Comments for those that registered to **speak in-person** prior to today's public hearing:
  - All registered public comments will be reviewed at the beginning of the public comment section of today's hearing indicating the order of each individual public commenter.
  - If you are providing a public comment in-person during today's public hearing, please wait until your name is called to provide your public comment.
  - You will be provided with approximately five minutes to provide your public comments to ensure there is also enough time allotted for other public comments.
- People who want to provide public comments should have indicated their intentions during registration; however additional time will be allotted for individuals that were unable to register prior to today's hearing.


# House Keeping – In-Person Hearings

- Public Comments for those that were unable to register for Public Comment prior to today's Public Hearing.
  - If you joined the public hearing in-person and were unable to register and would still like to make a public comment, please fill out the public comment card. Please provide your full name, title, organization, contact information, topic area, and description of your public comment.
  - Public comment cards can be found at the registration desk located outside of the room or you can raise your hand and a member of the HFS staff will provide you one. Upon completion of your public comment card, please raise your hand, and a member of the HFS staff will collect it from you.
- Speakers will be heard on a first come, first serve basis. **Individuals** providing public comments should limit their comments to **five minutes**.
- **Organizations** are asked to select one spokesperson to present public comments on their behalf and will be asked to limit their comments to **five minutes**.
- To assist the orderly conduct of the hearing and ensure that the opinions of all interested individuals and/or groups are considered, the Department may impose other rules of procedure as necessary, including, but not limited to, adjusting the time limit or the order of presentation.

# House Keeping

## Meeting basics Cont.

- Written Public Comments for those that registered for Public Comment prior to today's Public Hearing.
  - If you submitted a written comment to be read during today's public hearing, your written comment will be read by HFS staff during the written comment component of the public comments section.
- Be sure to visit the HFS Webpage for a list of helpful resources. Your comments and feedback are important to us and will help inform the development of future presentations and informational materials.
- If you have a question during the meeting, please raise your hand and a member of the HFS staff will assist you.
- Patience, please – many public hearing attendees may be new to these proceedings.
- The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment on the materials publicly available at <https://hfs.illinois.gov>. While a brief overview will be provided, there will not be a Q&A component to this hearing.



# **Presentation: Continuity of Care and Administrative Simplification Section 1115 Waiver Extension and Amendment**



# Background

- HFS received approval from CMS for the Continuity of Care and Administrative Simplification 1115 demonstration waiver to further enhance health outcomes by promoting continuity of care and reducing administrative burdens within the Medicaid program.
- This 1115 waiver was approved on January 19, 2021, and the demonstration period is **effective until December 31, 2025**.
- The following initiatives were included in the original demonstration:
  - Managed care reinstatement when a Medicaid beneficiary submits late redetermination paperwork within 61- 90 days after redetermination due date.
  - Waiving the implementation of Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE).
  - Extending postpartum coverage to 12 months - *NOTE: this authority transitioned from 1115 waiver authority to State Plan authority on 7/1/22.*



# 1115 CoC Waiver - Proposal

HFS' 1115 extension request seeks two extension requests and one amendment.

- *Waiver Extension Request: Managed Care Reinstatement When a Medicaid Beneficiary Submits Late Redetermination Paperwork within 90 Days*
- *Waiver Extension Request: Temporary Waiver of HPE*
- *New Waiver Amendment Request: Acceptance of Out-of-State Address from National Change of Address (NCOA) database and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) with Confirmation from Beneficiaries as Reliable*



# Extension: Managed Care Reinstatement

- HFS is seeking continued authority to re-enroll Medicaid beneficiaries into their prior MCO when the Medicaid beneficiary submits late redetermination paperwork and is reinstated within 90 days of disenrollment.
- Aim of this extension is to limit “churn” between fee-for-service and managed care and connect beneficiaries back to their MCO and care coordination support sooner.



# Extension: Temporary Waiver of HPE

- HFS is requesting an additional 18-month extension of its current waiver of the HPE requirement, with implementation of the HPE program beginning July 1, 2027.
- This temporary extension will allow HFS sufficient time to thoughtfully transition to HPE implementation and minimize disruptions to coverage and care.





# New Request: Out-of-State Address Data

- HFS proposes to accept the following out-of-state address changes as reliable:
  - The USPS NCOA database
  - Medicaid MCOs when they have received the information directly from or verified it with the beneficiary.
- This would align how in-state and out-of-state address changes are treated for these two data sources.
- Streamlines administrative processes.



# Public Comments

# Comments and Testimony from the Public - Reminders

- **Individuals** giving oral testimony should limit their comments to **five minutes**.
- **Organizations** are asked to select one spokesperson to present oral testimony on their behalf and will be asked to limit their comments to **five minutes**.
- To assist the orderly conduct of the hearing and ensure that the opinions of all interested individuals and/or groups are considered, the department may impose other rules of procedure as necessary, including, but not limited to, adjusting the time limit or the order of presentation.
- People who provide oral testimony are encouraged to submit a written copy of the testimony.

# Public Comment Card

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Date:

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Name: (First, Last) | Job Title if applicable:

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Organization:

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Phone Number | Email:

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Public Comment Topic Area:

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Please Provide a Description of Your Comment:



# Public Comment Period Reminders

## **Submission of Additional Public Comments**



# Submission of Public Comments

HFS is conducting a 30-day public comment period from May 23, 2025 to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Any interested party may direct comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this proposal. Comments not provided at a public hearing must be submitted and received by **June 23, 2025**, through the following methods:

- Email to [HFS.1115waiver@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.1115waiver@illinois.gov); or
- Mail to:  
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Division of Medical Eligibility  
Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
201 South Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, IL 62763

## For More Information and Copies of Materials:

The draft extension and related materials are posted on the 1115 Demonstration Waiver Home page located on the HFS website:

<https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/cc/1115demonstrationwaiverhome/1115continuityofcareandadministrativesimplification.html>





# Adjournment