

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER
HCBS WAIVER FOR PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), in conjunction with the Illinois Department on Aging (DoA) propose to amend the HCBS Waiver for Persons Who Are Elderly to implement action by the Illinois General Assembly to increase rates of pay for Homemaker Services by, at least, \$.72 per hour to \$18.29 per hour. Also, an enhanced rate of \$1.77 per hour will be paid to those in-home service provider agencies that offer health insurance coverage as a benefit to their direct service worker employees. Illinois Public Act 100-0023 provides that the enhanced rate shall be adjusted using actuarial analysis based on the cost of care.

The specific sections (and page numbers) within the Waiver are proposed for the amendment:

Appendix B – Participant Access and Eligibility – Section B-2 (Pages 39-40)

Appendix I – Financial Accountability – Section I-2 (Pages 176-177)

Appendix J – Cost Neutrality Demonstration – Section J-1 and J-2 (Pages 188, 199 and 202)

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

- 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 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, DoA, the operating agency of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly, has emailed this notification to its 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 217/557-0997. 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 for Persons who are Elderly for a 30 day public comment period from September 11, 2017 through October 11, 2017. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to the HFS web portal email address at HFS.HCBSWaiver@illinois.gov or mail their written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
ATTN: Waiver Management
201 South Grand Avenue East 2FL
Springfield, IL 62763

A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the 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.