

Historical Appendix 1c (formerly Appendix J)- FIRST PUBLIC NOTICE

Statute requiring agency to publish information concerning proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates for medical services in the Illinois Register: 5 ILCS 100/5-70(c)

Summary of information: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Draft Transition Plan Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service:

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) gives notice that the DRAFT Statewide Transition Plan, required by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule 42 CFR 441.301(c)(iii), will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning on 01/15/2015 and ending on 02/15/2015. HFS is required to submit the final Statewide Transition Plan to CMS no later than 03/17/2015. The Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published regulations in the Federal Register (42 CFR 441.301(c) (4)-(5)) on January 16, 2014, effective March 17, 2014, which further clarifies the definition of home and community-based services (HCBS) residential and non-residential settings for section 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers and approved state plans providing HCBS under section 1915(i). The new rules require states to develop a Statewide Transition Plan identifying the strategies for compliance with the new regulations and allowing up to five years for full compliance.

The DRAFT Statewide Transition Plan covers all nine HCBS waivers and is expected to detail the level of current compliance and the actions the state will take to achieve compliance with the HCBS Setting requirements. Once posted, the DRAFT Statewide Transition Plan can be viewed at the website of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Medical Programs, Home and Community Based Waiver Programs; <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalPrograms/HCBS/Pages/default.aspx>. Comments may be submitted on this site. Persons who are unable to access the Internet may request a hard copy of the DRAFT Plan by calling HFS at (217) 557-1868.

Name and address of person to contact concerning this information:

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Attn: Waiver Management
201 South Grand Ave East, 2nd FL
Springfield, IL 62763

Public Forums have been scheduled across the state. At these forums, the public will have the opportunity to provide verbal and written comment. A request is made that comments be submitted in written form, as well as voiced, in order to guarantee that they are recorded correctly. Persons who are unable to attend a Public Forum or submit comments using the Internet, may phone in their comments by calling HFS at (217) 557-1868 or mail written feedback to the address listed above.

Public comments are requested from 01/15/2015 through 02/15/2015. Public comments will be summarized and included in the revised Statewide Transition Plan. The public is encouraged to attend one of the forums listed below. Illinois Initial Statewide Transition Plan – February 2020 183

PUBLIC FORUM SCHEDULE

Thursday January 29, 2015	Parkland College Room W-115 2400 West Bradley Ave Champaign, IL 61821	10:30am – Noon
Thursday January 29, 2015	EP!C 1913 West Townline Rd Peoria, IL 61612	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday February 3, 2015	Spring Ridge Senior Housing Community Room 6645 Fincham Dr Rockford, IL 61108	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday February 4, 2015	University of Illinois-Chicago Disability, Health & Social Policy Building Auditorium, Room 166 1640 West Roosevelt Rd Chicago, IL 60608	10:30am – Noon
Wednesday February 4, 2015	The ARC 20901 LaGrange Rd, Suite 209 Frankfort, IL 60423	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday February 10, 2015	Rend Lake College Student Center – Private Dining Area 468 North Ken Gray Parkway Ina, IL 62846	1:00pm – 2:30pm