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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. 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)
2. Summary of Information: The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) gives notice that the revised 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 December 4, 2015 and ending on January 3, 2016. HFS is required to submit the final proposed Statewide Transition Plan to CMS. 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 (5) years for full compliance.

The revised Statewide Transition Plan modifies the Statewide Transition Plan posted on March 17, 2015. The revised Statewide Transition Plan covers all nine (9) 1915(c) 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 revised 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 or by mail. Written comments should be mailed to:

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

Persons who are unable to access the Internet may request a hard copy of the DRAFT Plan by calling HFS at 217-524-4148.

3. Name and address of person that written comments should be mailed to: